

PRESS RELEASE

NHV Secures Contract Extension to Provide New Aircraft Type for Dutch Pilots' Organisation

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NHV Group has announced the contract extension for helicopter services for Dutch Pilots' Organisation, a crucial partnership supporting maritime pilotage services in the Netherlands.

The long-term contract awarded to NHV will continue to support the Dutch pilotage service from Pistoohaven (Rotterdam) and will replace the current fleet with new generation aircraft. NHV's helicopter services play a crucial role in swiftly transporting shipping pilots to and from large vessels navigating through Dutch harbours, particularly during adverse weather conditions.

In a significant upgrade, NHV will replace the current fleet with two state-of-the-art Airbus H145 D3 aircraft for enhanced safety, reliability, and performance. The decision to transition from the Dauphin AS365N3 fleet to the H145 reflects NHV's dedication to invest in the latest technology to better serve its clients. While the Dauphin aircraft have been known for their reliability, the advanced features of the H145 ensure improved reliability and efficiency, aligning with NHV's commitment to excellence.

Elco Oskam, Manager Operations Rotterdam-Rijnmond region at Dutch Pilotage Service Organisation: "Dutch Pilots' Organisation is pleased with the extension of our long-term collaboration in a new contract with NHV. With a future renewal of the fleet as part of the contract we look forward to a new era in which our marine pilots are supported in their business in a safe and sustainable manner. NHV has always been a reliable partner with excellent customer focus, and we trust that this will be no different in the coming years."

Bart Sinnaeve, Director of Operations at NHV Group's Helicopter Services and West Africa Business Unit, expressed his enthusiasm about the renewed partnership, stating, "The continuation of our successful partnership with Dutch Pilots' Organisation, supported by the introduction of the new fleet of aircraft, marks a significant milestone. We are immensely proud to have been selected by the team at Dutch Pilots' Organisation to continue our long-term collaboration."

Thomas Hütsch, CEO of NHV Group, emphasised the significance of the contract extension, stating, "Renewing our partnership with Dutch Pilots' Organisation accentuates their trust for our expertise and dedication to performance and safety."

The contract extension will see NHV operating the new Airbus H145 D3 aircraft from Pistoohaven (Rotterdam), starting from the beginning of 2025. NHV remains committed to providing top-tier helicopter services and looks forward to continuing its collaboration with Dutch Pilots' Organisation.

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About NHV Group:

NHV Group, headquartered in Ostend Belgium, specialises in B-to-B helicopter services and operates with a strong geographic presence in Europe and Western Africa. The group conducts operations from several bases on two continents with a team of 450+ employees. NHV's main focus is on the energy-producing industry, including the Renewables Sector.

Our scope of work also includes Maritime Services and Harbour Pilot Services, and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) solutions. In addition to supporting its fleet, NHV provides extensive third-party maintenance services to a variety of civil and military clients. Aside from the helicopter operations, NHV has set up the NHV Training Academy, which offers ATO pilot training, HHOP training and delivers EASA and CAA certified Part 147 training. The group has a multipurpose high-value fleet of over 35 helicopters. NHV's majority shareholder is Ardian, the world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$150bn managed or advised across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and the Middle East.

NHV Group has no Russian shareholders and is not involved with any Russian affiliated organisations in the delivery of helicopter services or aircraft spare parts.

About Dutch Pilots' Organisation:

The Dutch pilots offer a contribution to the safe and quick pilotage of ships to and from the Dutch ports and the Flemish ports on the Scheldt River. Each year, they assist more than 90,000 ships. Dutch Pilots' Organisation aims to play a leading role by excelling in terms of service provision, training and education, efficiency, technology and customer satisfaction. Highly-trained maritime pilots and other staff members work closely together to ensure safe and efficient operations in all circumstances.

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*Herman Broers, Dutch Pilots' Organisation
& Thomas Hütsch, NHV Group at contract signing.*