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Drukair, Royal Bhutan Airlines, Welcomes Second H130 T2 Helicopter to Its Fleet

Paro, Bhutan – October 23, 2024 – Drukair, Royal Bhutan Airlines, is pleased to announce the addition of its second Airbus H130 T2 helicopter, registered as A5-BHV. This significant expansion follows the arrival of the first H130 T2 on July 1, 2024, and brings the total number of helicopters in Drukair's fleet to three, further enhancing the airline's ability to provide diverse helicopter services.

The Airbus H130 T2 is powered by a Safran Arriel 2D engine and incorporates a modified airframe and an upgraded digital cockpit designed to reduce pilot workload. Integrating advanced features from the H120, H125, and H135 models, the H130 T2 is highly versatile and suited for passenger transport, sightseeing, medical evacuations, surveillance, and external load operations. Engineered for operational efficiency, it is designed to minimize maintenance costs while upholding the highest safety standards. Additionally, the H130 T2 is recognized as the quietest helicopter in its class, reducing noise impact in sensitive environments.

With the arrival of this second helicopter, Drukair is well-positioned to meet the increasing demand for medical evacuations, search and rescue missions, and scenic flights across Bhutan, strengthening our commitment to delivering safe and reliable aviation services.

About Drukair:

Drukair Corporation Limited, operating under the brand Drukair – Royal Bhutan Airlines, serves as the national flag carrier of the Kingdom of Bhutan. Established on April 5, 1981, by Royal Proclamation of His Majesty the Fourth King, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, Drukair has become a prominent symbol of Bhutanese aviation and a key player in regional air connectivity.

Headquartered in Paro, Bhutan, Drukair operates from its hub at Paro International Airport, linking Bhutan's breathtaking landscapes with major cities across South Asia and beyond.



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Currently, airline operates flights to nine international destinations and three domestic routes, playing a vital role in enhancing access to the Kingdom of Bhutan. On October 28, 2024, Drukair will expand its operations with the introduction of Twice- Weekly flights to Dubai, marking its entry into the Middle Eastern market and further enhancing Bhutan's global connectivity.

In addition to its fixed-wing operations, Drukair also offers helicopter services, further broadening its service portfolio and addressing the diverse travel needs of both Bhutanese and international travelers. Through its expanding network and varied services, Drukair remains dedicated to supporting the Kingdom's tourism, economic growth, and global presence.