



Indonesia Air Transport New Horizons for the EC155 B1



Indonesia Air Transport (IAT), considered the first charter airline in Indonesia, began operations in 1968 with several small twin-engine, fixed-wing planes to provide services to the oil & gas industry. In 1973 it started flying an Aerospatiale Alouette-2 for Total E&P Indonesia in Balikpapan, a province of East Kalimantan, Borneo.

At the beginning of 2008, IAT was awarded a five-year contract to operate three EC155 B1 Dauphins for the West Natuna Consortium (WNC) comprising ConocoPhillips, Premier Oil and Star Energy. Services began in March, primarily for ferrying offshore oil rig personnel between Matak Island and platforms nearby within a 120-nautical mile radius—in addition to medical evacuation, for which the helicopters remain on standby 24/7. Medical transportation to Singapore takes almost 2 flight hours as Matak Island—located in South China Sea—is about 260 nautical miles northeast of Singapore.

In addition, IAT recently won a call for tender to operate another three EC155 B1s for Total E&P Indonesia. The first machine is due to enter service on October 1, 2008. These aircraft are to replace the AS365 N2 Dauphins based in Balikpapan, and operations are slated to start on May 1, 2009. The missions to be performed under this contract consist primarily in ferrying oil platform staff from Balikpapan to all offshore and inland rigs up to a maximum distance of 80 nautical miles. Medical evacuation services are on call around the clock, seven days a week; due to a compulsory requirement, the base must not be farther than one flight hour away.





Why Customers Have Chosen the EC155 B1: Three Main Reasons

- The EC155 B1 has overall better performances in Oil & Gas missions compared to its competitors.
- Eurocopter South East Asia offers a complete turn-key technical support solution to its customers, which includes not only brand new aircraft perfectly adapted to mission demands, but also maintenance and support services for a period of 5 years. Customers were swayed by this global offer, which includes sending a team of technicians to customers' premises to provide both maintenance and support services. The offer represents a significant advantage for the customers, as it enables them to optimize their maintenance budget.
- The lead time for the EC155 allowed IAT to be ready on time to provide services as scheduled.

Today, IAT deploys a fleet of several types of fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft including the AS365 N, AS365 N2 and EC155 B1 Dauphins and the EC135 P2.

