

Bristow receives first Airbus H160s from Milestone for offshore transportation in Nigeria

Atlanta, U.S., 10 March 2026 – Bristow Group Inc. has officially received the first two of five Airbus H160 medium-twin helicopters leased from Milestone Aviation Group. This arrival marks a major milestone in the introduction of this next-generation aircraft to the African continent, with the helicopters now undergoing final preparations in Nigeria ahead of their scheduled entry into offshore operations in the upcoming months.

This handover follows the agreement announced last year for five H160s leased from Milestone. The arrival of these aircraft in Nigeria signifies the start of a new era for offshore transportation in the region, providing Bristow's customers with the most technologically advanced and fuel-efficient rotorcraft in its class.

“The introduction of the H160 into Nigeria represents a meaningful step forward for our offshore operations in West Africa,” said Stu Stavely, Chief Operating Officer, Offshore Energy Services, Bristow Group. “This aircraft brings a combination of advanced technology, operational flexibility, and improved fuel efficiency that strengthens our ability to deliver safe, reliable, and cost-effective transportation for our customers. Its performance profile, particularly its range, payload capability in a 12-passenger configuration, and ability to operate from smaller helidecks, positions Bristow with a distinct advantage in this market. We believe the H160 will play an important role in supporting the evolving needs of the energy sector across the region.”

“Milestone is pleased to support Bristow with the lease of five new H160s — making us the first lessor to introduce this aircraft type into Bristow's fleet,” said Pat Sheedy, Chief Executive Officer of Milestone. “Our continued investment in next generation medium and supermedium helicopters ensures our customers have access to the most efficient and capable aircraft on the market, supporting mission-critical operations around the world. We appreciate the strong collaboration with Bristow and Airbus and look forward to further strengthening our partnership in the years ahead.”

“The arrival of these first two H160s in Nigeria is a proud moment for Airbus Helicopters as we see our latest medium-twin aircraft prepare to take flight for Bristow's offshore missions,” said Bruno Even, CEO of Airbus Helicopters. “This delivery underscores our commitment to supporting the energy sector with a helicopter that sets new standards in safety, comfort, and competitiveness with its 18% reduction in fuel burn. We look forward to seeing the H160 in operation and continuing our long-standing partnership with both Bristow and Milestone.”

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With three more H160s scheduled for delivery to complete the five-aircraft agreement, Bristow is positioned to operate one of the most modern and capable fleets in Africa, supporting mission-critical services for the energy industry.

The H160 is one of the world's most technologically advanced helicopters, designed and built to deliver the highest levels of operational safety while providing unmatched comfort for rotorcraft in its class. Capable of performing wide-ranging missions including law enforcement, offshore transportation, search and rescue, private and business aviation, and emergency medical services, the H160 has entered into service in Brazil, Canada, China, France, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, U.K., U.S. and many other European countries.

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