



C. K. COOPER & COMPANY INITIATES COVERAGE OF BRISTOW GROUP, INC.

Irvine, Calif. – Dec. 16, 2009 – C. K. Cooper & Company, an independent, full-service investment bank, headquartered in Irvine, Calif. announced today that it has initiated coverage of Bristow Group, Inc. (NYSE/AMEX: BRS).

“Bristow Group, Inc. is the leading helicopter provider to the oil and gas industry with approximately 575 aircraft, including unconsolidated affiliates, in over 20 countries worldwide. With a unique focus on training, safety, ROCE, and a long term strategy of fleet renewal through new helicopter additions, Bristow Group leads the aviation segment serving the energy industry,” said Lewis Kreps, Senior Research Analyst with C. K. Cooper & Company. “With over 70 percent of its revenues from the production side versus the exploration side, the company has weathered the downturn well and we expect earnings growth going forward to increase as new aircraft are added to the fleet.”

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