

Omni Táxi Aéreo and Ibama join forces to fight forest fires

The six-month contract promises to intensify the fight against fires in the Pantanal region, with a specialized team and state-of-the-art technology.

Rio de Janeiro, August 22, 2024 - Omni Táxi Aéreo, an affiliate of Omni Helicopters International Group SA (OHI), has just signed a contract with Ibama, (the Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources) marking a significant step forward in the fight against forest fires occurring in the Pantanal region. With an estimated duration of six months due to start at the end of August, the partnership aims to tackle the growing problem of forest fires that threatens the environment every year.

The contract foresees the use of an Airbus H225, a large twin-engine helicopter with capacity for 19 people. Equipped with the Bambi Bucket, the aircraft can carry up to three tons of water, enabling a quick and efficient response to fire outbreaks.

“This contract with Ibama is the result of our ability to showcase our operational excellence, high safety standards and emphasizes the high operational capacity and versatility of this large aircraft to fight fires and support other activities carried out by Ibama. With over 23 years of experience in different missions in Brazil, we hope to contribute to the protection of our ecosystems by acting on swiftly and diligently against forest fires whilst creating the basis for a long-term commercial relationship with Ibama,” says Décio Galvão, Omni Táxi Aéreo's commercial director.

“Ibama is expanding its capacity in air operations to fight forest fires in the Pantanal and the Amazon. The large helicopter will allow us to increase efficiency, from transporting only four firefighters per flight to 19, allowing more time for action on the firefighting lines. The increased capacity to transport water will also be an important improvement, boosting the capacity of each launch by five times, an important differential in areas of degraded forest, where there is currently no effectiveness with small quantities or by airplanes. The concentrated release of water in these areas will be a great help to the ground teams, which is only possible with helicopters of this size,” explains Jair Schmitt, Ibama's Director of Environmental Protection.

The operation will feature a specialized team, made up of a pilot, copilot, mechanics and cargo masters, who will work together with Ibama's firefighters. Although the presentation of the aircraft will take place in Brasília, the operation will extend throughout the Midwest and the Amazon region, as needed.

The expansion into onshore missions, to support initiatives that have a positive impact on sustainability, is part of the OHI strategy as it positions itself as the leading air mobility solutions provider in Latin America. This initiative represents an important progress in the fight against forest fires for the preservation of the environment.

About Omni Táxi Aéreo:

OMNI Táxi Aéreo was founded in December 2000 on the pillars of safety, unity, transparency, integrity and creativity. It is a leader in offshore air transportation in Latin America, offering high capacity to serve clients in the Oil & Gas and Energy markets. It offers crew change services, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Fighting, Search and Rescue operations, as well as specialized Cargo Transport services in remote and challenging locations. Omni Air Taxi is part of the Omni Helicopters International Group (OHI).

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Omni Helicopters International (OHI), founded in Portugal in the 90s, stands at the forefront of Latin America's air mobility and delivery solutions sector. As the region's largest provider of these services, OHI caters to diverse customer groups across multiple segments, ensuring seamless and efficient solutions.

Through its subsidiaries [Omni Taxi Aéreo](#) in Brazil, Omni Helicopters Guyana Inc., and Omni Helicopters International Mozambique, OHI offers unmatched capability and capacity to serve offshore customers in the fastest growing offshore energy markets. The company's [extensive portfolio](#) includes Crew Change,



Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Firefighting, Search and Rescue operations, as well as highly specialized Cargo and Utility services in remote and challenging locations.

In line with its commitment to innovation and sustainability, OHI has two groundbreaking ventures: OHI Unmanned, a specialist division focusing on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) services, and Revo, a premium advanced air mobility (AAM) solution provider.

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