

Omni Táxi Aéreo executed offshore operation in Argentina

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Rio de Janeiro, July 31, 2024 - At the end of June, Omni Táxi Aéreo, an affiliate of Omni Helicopters International (OHI) Group, successfully concluded an international operation, this time in Argentina, to support the exploratory operation of Equinor's CAN block, located 300 km away from Mar del Plata. The aircraft were specially prepared with an electric winch for rescue at sea. While one remained on land, the other made regular passenger changes. The operation was carried out in partnership with the Argentine company Helicópteros Marinos, a traditional local helicopter operator with over 35 years of activity, which provided all the commercial, logistical, customs and local civil aviation authority (ANAC) support.

Omni is the only Brazilian civil operator approved by ANAC to hoist people by winch, whose team, in addition to the pilots, is made up of a winch operator and, in some cases, a rescue diver. All the professionals undergo recurrent training to carry out this type of mission. Beyond Brazil, the OHI Group offers this type of operation at its affiliate in Guyana, where it operates a Sikorsky S92 aircraft dedicated to search and rescue missions, equipped with the most modern equipment in the industry in this segment, a double winch and a triple stretcher for patients.

“We are proud of our work. We ended the operation with many compliments from our partner Helicópteros Marinos and our end customer. We had the opportunity to experience different operational situations that we don't find in Brazil, which enriched our knowledge and qualifies us even more for new challenges,” says Décio Galvão, Commercial Director of Omni Táxi Aéreo.

Omni handled the contract with two AW139 helicopters, pilots, mechanics, flight coordinators and all the technical support needed for the operation. The operation lasted 64 days, with a total of 111 flights, 239 flight hours in Argentina, 1228 passengers transported and 100% operational availability on both helicopters, with no accidents or incidents reported.

According to Décio Galvão, these are important figures for the operation. “We know that the atmospheric conditions offshore southern Argentina are extremely challenging, with strong winds, cloudiness, shorter days and freezing water temperatures. It was necessary to integrate all the planning, coordination and execution of the multidisciplinary teams that made this operation possible, which involved a series of activities prior to the operation.”

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).

About Omni Helicopters International:

[Omni Helicopters International](#) Group (OHI), which started operations in Portugal in the 1990s, stands at the forefront of the air mobility and delivery solutions sector in Latin America. As the largest provider of these services in the region, OHI assists diverse customer groups in various segments, ensuring continuous and efficient solutions.



Through its subsidiaries Omni Táxi Aéreo in Brazil, Omni Helicopters Guyana Inc., and Omni Helicopters International Mozambique, OHI offers unmatched capability and capacity to serve offshore customers in the world's fastest growing offshore energy markets. The company's [extensive portfolio](#) includes Crew Change, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire Fighting, Search and Rescue Operations, as well as highly specialized Cargo and Utility services in remote and challenging locations.

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