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## **BEML SIGNS MoU WITH EUROCOPTER, FRANCE**

**BEML LIMITED**, a Mini Ratna Category-1 Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India has signed the Memorandum of Understanding with **Eurocopter, France** on 28 November 2008, as a part of its Aerospace Business.



Mr. V. RS. Natarajan, Chairman & Managing Director, BEML Limited exchanging the MoU with Mr. Franchini Gérard, Director, Offset & International Cooperation, Eurocopter on 28 November 2008 at Bangalore

BEML has made forays into Aerospace business recently, and within this short span of time, it has already got several work-opportunities in the areas of Engineering Services, Ground Support Equipment, Ground Handling Equipment and Aerospace manufacturing from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Air Force, at present.

Additionally, Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) and Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) have also been signed with more than 15 (fifteen) reputed companies in Aerospace domain, to work with them in partnership mode.

Discussions have also been initiated with Original Equipment Manufactures (OEMs) of various aircraft and rotorcraft manufacturers to utilize the emerging offset opportunities.

**EUROCOPTER**, which is part of EADS Conglomerate, has a long standing experience of cooperation for more than 40 years in 38 countries for more than 4300 helicopters in 27 versions.

In India, it has more than 40 years of uninterrupted cooperation and more than 600 ‘Alouette’ (Chetak) and ‘Lama’ (Cheetah) helicopters have been manufactured under license by HAL. It is estimated that every 30 minutes a EUROCOPTER helicopter takes-off, somewhere in India.”