

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Perla Group acquires DB Aerocopters in a multi-million dollar deal**

- DB Aerocopters develops and manufactures new low-cost helicopter
- In its Pre-IPO phase, Perla Group manages to raise USD 33 million
- Group plans to move helicopter manufacturing facility to the UAE

**13 November, 2009 - Dubai, United Arab Emirates:** Perla Group International Ltd., the Dubai-based company with interests in telecommunications, aviation and other growth sectors, have recently reached an agreement to acquire 100% shares of Ukraine's DB Aerocopter. DB Aerocopter Ltd. designs and builds the AK1-3 petrol-powered, two-seater light helicopter.

Like no other helicopter in its class, the AK1-3 is built using state-of-the-art computer aided machining instead of traditional die-casting – resulting in a durable and easy to transport aircraft that's ideal for business and pleasure flights, farming and agriculture, security, aerial photography and other applications.

Charles D'Alberto, CEO and Founder of Perla Group International, personally flew the AK1-3 while touring the facilities in Poltava, Ukraine and was immediately impressed at the helicopter's performance, agility and manufacturing excellence.

“In its class, it is my opinion and the opinion of many industry professionals that the AK1-3 stands alone,” declares D'Alberto, who is currently busy in his company's pre-IPO phase and has raised USD 33 million towards its expansion goals.

With the current manufacturing facility located in the Ukraine, Perla Group has plans to move the assembly plant to the UAE to take advantage of the company's ties to the Middle East and Africa regions. This move will be a groundbreaking development for the UAE's aviation industry, which at present has no local aircraft manufacturing facility. Perla Aviation, Perla Group's aviation division, are looking forward to the versatility and marketability of the low-cost, easy-to-maintain helicopter.

“The acquisition of DB Aerocopters by Perla Group International is an exciting step for us,” says Igor V. Polituchyi, Director of DB Aerocopter. “It will take our company to a new level, and give us the ability to enter into new and exciting markets and show the world just how good the AK1-3 really is.”

The additional financing and support from Perla also allows DB Aerocopter to complete the development and design of their new 4-5 person helicopter.

For more information, visit Perla Group at Dubai Airshow, West 728, or their website [www.perlagrp.com](http://www.perlagrp.com)

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**ABOUT PERLA GROUP INTERNATIONAL LTD:**

Perla Group International Ltd. is a Dubai-based company with interests in various industries and markets. Established by Charles Sam D'Alberto in 2007, Perla Group operates four main divisions: Perla Telecoms, Perla Aviation, Perla Armored Cars and Perla K-9 Services. Since its inception, the company has rapidly crafted a unique reputation of being a turnkey provider of a diverse range of products and solutions in the Middle East, Africa and the Indian Sub-continent. Perla's responsiveness and resourcefulness allow it to take advantage of current market opportunities, positioning itself for greater growth and expansion in the near future. The Perla Group are targeting an IPO for February 2010 and have raised approximately USD 33 million in capital.

**ABOUT DB AEROCOPTER LTD**

DB Aerocopter was established in 1999 by Polituchij I.V., Zapishnyj A.N., and Polituchij A.I. to design, develop and manufacture light helicopters. The Aerocopter design office is equipped with modern computing systems and other integrated packages that produces stronger, high-quality components and shortens design to production time. A large scope of theoretical and experimental research was done in close cooperation with the National Aerospace University, the National Academy of Ukraine, and other scientific organizations. The AK1-3 received its APU-27 (FAR-27) Ukrainian Type Certificate on June 2006 and complies with the requirements of the AP-27 Airworthiness Regulations for standard category rotorcraft.

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