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Eagle 150 now easier to market in Australia

MALACCA, Fri. - Composites Technology Research Malaysia (CTRM), which markets the Eagle 150 light aircraft, received a boost today from an agreement reached between the Department of Civil Aviation and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia (Casa).

The agreement makes it easier for CTRM to market the aircraft in Australia as the DCA's airworthiness certification will be sufficient for such a venture.

The agreement means that the Eagle 150 aircraft will only be subjected to airworthiness tests at DCA's facilities.

DCA deputy director (Air Worthiness) Azaharuddin Abdul Rahman and Casa representative Ivan Barrows signed the agreement at the CTRM plant in Batu Berendam.

It was witnessed by Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam and CTRM chief executive officer Tan Sri Chen Lip Kiang.

The Eagle 150, manufactured in Malaysia, was first certified by Casa, followed by the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States and the aviation authorities in New Zealand, Thailand and Malaysia.

Chen said CTRM's success reflected its ability to handle composite manufacturing in the aerospace industry.

He said it showed that Malaysia could excel and become a major player in the composite manufacturing sector as envisioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We have a world-class facility here in Batu Berendam.

"For a young company like CTRM, which has only been in the business for about six years, this success is something that we can be proud of."

The Eagle 150, which is engineered with state-of-the-art composite construction technology, has exceptional manoeuvring capabilities and is economical to operate.

CTRM, through its joint venture company Lancair Company, is also involved in the manufacture of the high-performance Lancair Columbia 300 aircraft.

At the function today, CTRM handed over an Eagle 150 to Excelnet Sdn Bhd for the Eagle Airborne Reconnaissance Vehicle (ARV) project.

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