

# Bristow Enters into Government-Backed Equipment Financing for up to €100 Million

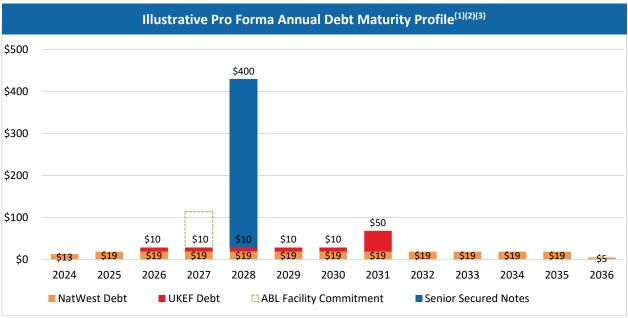
HOUSTON, June 12, 2024 – Bristow Group Inc. (NYSE: VTOL) announced today that Bristow Leasing Limited, a UK subsidiary, has entered into a new Export Development Guarantee term-loan facility for an aggregate amount of up to €100 million with National Westminster Bank Plc ("NatWest") as the original lender and UK Export Finance guaranteeing 80% of the facility (the "UKEF Debt"). The proceeds from the financing will be used to support Bristow's capital commitments related to the next generation of search and rescue ("SAR") operations in Ireland.

UK Export Finance is the UK's export credit agency and provides the Export Development Guarantee product to support the working capital and capital expenditure needs of UK exporters that meet certain criteria.

"The proceeds from the UKEF Debt will enhance our financial flexibility as Bristow grows its leading government services business with the new Irish Coast Guard contract investments," said Chris Bradshaw, Bristow's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We would like to thank NatWest and UK Export Finance for their confidence in Bristow and for helping facilitate our continued success."

Bristow's obligations will be secured by five new-delivery Leonardo AW189 SAR-configured helicopters. The UKEF Debt has a two-year availability period followed by a five-year term and is expected to fund during 2024, subject to delivery of the new SAR-configured helicopters. The UKEF Debt will bear interest at a rate equal to the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") plus 1.95% per annum.

Illustrative Pro Forma Debt			
(\$mm)	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
ABL Facility (\$85mm)	\$ <b>—</b>	SOFR +200 bps	May 2027
Senior Secured Notes	400	6.875%	March 2028
NatWest Debt <sup>(1)</sup>	228	SONIA +275 bps	March 2036
UKEF Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	107	EURIBOR +195 bps	June 2031
Total Debt	\$735		



- (1) The banking syndicate includes NatWest, Clydesdale Bank PLC (trading as Virgin Money) and First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company. Assumes GBP/USD of 1.27 and full utilization of the £55mm facility announced in January 2024.
- (2) NatWest is the original lender with 80% of the UKEF Debt guaranteed by UK Export Finance. Assumes EUR/USD of 1.08, €99mm of the €100mm facility is drawn and that Bristow exercises the full two year availability period. No principal payments are required during the availability period.
- (3) 2024 principal payments shown reflect remaining payments due.



#### **About Bristow Group**

Bristow Group Inc. (the "Company") is the leading global provider of innovative and sustainable vertical flight solutions. Bristow primarily provides aviation services to a broad base of offshore energy companies and government entities. The Company's aviation services include personnel transportation, search and rescue "SAR", medevac, fixed-wing transportation, unmanned systems, and ad hoc helicopter services.

Bristow currently has customers in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, the Dutch Caribbean, the Falkland Islands, India, Ireland, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad, the UK and the U.S. To learn more, visit our website at <a href="https://www.bristowgroup.com">www.bristowgroup.com</a>.

### **Forward-Looking Statements Disclosure**

This press release contains "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements represent the Company's current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "project," or "continue," or other similar words. These statements are made under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, reflect management's current views with respect to future events and therefore are subject to significant risks and uncertainties, both known and unknown. The Company's actual results may vary materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements. The Company cautions investors not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of the document in which they are made. The Company disclaims any obligation or undertaking to provide any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company's expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which the forward-looking statement is based that occur after the date hereof, except as may be required by applicable law.

Risks that may affect forward-looking statements include, but are not necessarily limited to, those relating to: the impact of supply chain disruptions and inflation and our ability to recoup rising costs in the rates we charge to our customers; our reliance on a limited number of helicopter manufacturers and suppliers and the impact of a shortfall in availability of aircraft components and parts required for maintenance and repairs of our helicopters, including significant delays in the delivery of parts for our S92 fleet; our reliance on a limited number of customers and the reduction of our customer base as a result of consolidation and/or the energy transition; public health crises, such as pandemics (including COVID-19) and epidemics, and any related government policies and actions; our inability to execute our business strategy for diversification efforts related to government services and advanced air mobility; the potential for cyberattacks or security breaches that could disrupt operations, compromise confidential or sensitive information, damage reputation, expose to legal liability, or cause financial losses; the possibility that we may be unable to maintain compliance with covenants in our financing agreements; global and regional changes in the demand, supply, prices or other market conditions affecting oil and gas, including changes resulting from a public health crisis or from the imposition or lifting of crude oil production quotas or other actions that might be imposed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other producing countries; fluctuations in the demand for our services; the possibility of significant changes in foreign exchange rates and controls; potential



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effects of increased competition and the introduction of alternative modes of transportation and solutions; the possibility that portions of our fleet may be grounded for extended periods of time or indefinitely (including due to severe weather events); the possibility of political instability, civil unrest, war or acts of terrorism in any of the countries where we operate or elsewhere; the possibility that we may be unable to re-deploy our aircraft to regions with greater demand; the existence of operating risks inherent in our business, including the possibility of declining safety performance; the possibility of changes in tax, environmental and other laws and regulations and policies, including, without limitation, actions of the governments that impact oil and gas operations, favor renewable energy projects or address climate change; any failure to effectively manage, and receive anticipated returns from, acquisitions, divestitures, investments, joint ventures and other portfolio actions; the possibility that we may be unable to dispose of older aircraft through sales into the aftermarket; the possibility that we may impair our long-lived assets and other assets, including inventory, property and equipment and investments in unconsolidated affiliates; general economic conditions, including interest rates or uncertainty in the capital and credit markets; the possibility that reductions in spending on aviation services by governmental agencies where we are seeking contracts could adversely affect or lead to modifications of the procurement process or that such reductions in spending could adversely affect SAR contract terms or otherwise delay service or the receipt of payments under such contracts; and the effectiveness of our environmental, social and governance initiatives.

If one or more of the foregoing risks materialize, or if underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those expected. You should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements because the matters they describe are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other unpredictable factors, many of which are beyond our control. Our forward-looking statements are based on the information currently available to us and speak only as of the date hereof. New risks and uncertainties arise from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these matters or how they may affect us. We have included important factors in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2024 which we believe over time, could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ from the anticipated results, performance or achievements that are expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. You should consider all risks and uncertainties disclosed in the Annual Report and in our filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), all of which are accessible on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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