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TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 407 Helicopters.

SUBJECT: T/R Drive System Modification BHT-407-II-30

Continuing in the tradition of offering product improvements for the fleet of delivered helicopters, Bell Helicopter released 407 Installation Instruction (II) BHT-407-II-30 on 14 Dec 2001. This Information Letter announces a special pricing policy to encourage Bell 407 operators to modify their 407 aircraft and incorporate the upgrade described in the II.

This modification offers numerous tangible improvements to the Bell 407. Among the most significant, the flywheel is removed from the forward (steel) drive shaft segment, in favor of a thicker and heavier rotor brake disk. The new rotor brake disk contributes to greatly improved rotor brake performance, virtually eliminating chatter and vibration. Eliminating the flywheel splined joint, and removing a source of drive system vibration reduces maintenance and improves Direct Operating Cost (DOC.)

For a limited time, a special pricing policy remains in effect, reducing the net list price of the modification parts listed in BHT-407-II-30 by 50%. In order to benefit from this special price, place your order through an approved Bell Helicopter parts supplier by 31 Dec 2002.

Bell Helicopter Textron introduced this change in all production 407 helicopters at serial number 53443. Please feel free to contact your Product Support Engineering group if you would like to discuss the attributes of this modification.