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Helicopter Firm Creates 80 Jobs

Eighty new jobs have been created at a Gloucestershire-based helicopter specialist after it secured five new long-term contracts worth £153m.

Bond Aviation Group has its headquarters at Gloucestershire Airport, Staverton. The contracts, each of five to seven years, will begin later this year and early 2010. They will see Bond introduce nine new aircraft and create a further 80 new jobs across the company.

Helicopter contract

The roles primarily include pilots and engineers as well as additional ground and admin staff. It is not known at this stage how many of those positions will be based in Gloucestershire.

Peter Bond, executive chairman of Bond Aviation Group, said: "These additional contracts continue to provide security for our existing and future staff and act as a springboard for further domestic expansion. "They also provide a focus on re-establishing international operations with further investment available in quality staff and the latest equipment."

Bond, which has an existing workforce of 379, will enter the Renewable Energy Industry with the UK's first helicopter support contract to fly engineers out to an offshore wind farm, from January 2010.

Bond Aviation Group is privately owned by Stephen and Peter Bond and currently has a turnover in excess of £100m per annum.