

Kaman Expands K-MAX Firefighting Capability with New Water Cannon

ANAHEIM, CA, Feb. 22, 2009 — Kaman Helicopters (Exhibit 1719) is again expanding the firefighting capabilities of K-MAX helicopters.

The company is developing an innovative, powerful water cannon that will deliver water directly to the source of a fire, according to Mark Tattershall, Director of Marketing & Business Development for Kaman Helicopters. The cannon will shoot water from the front of the helicopter, enabling more direct, effective coverage when fighting fires in high rises or private homes, for example.



K-MAX helicopters continue to perform important work, including firefighting, worldwide. The newest K-MAX operator, Skywork Helicopters, flew its inaugural mission using a Bambi Bucket to successfully battle a massive blaze in New Zealand's Torehape Wetland. And although the logging business has slowed worldwide, operators such as Swanson Group Aviation continue work such as the installation of environmentally friendly power lines in California.

The multi-mission K-MAX is a 6,000-pound power lifter that maintains performance in hot/high environments. The K-MAX fleet of helicopters has amassed over 240,000 hours.

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