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LEADING HELICOPTER OPERATOR RLC ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT FROM SANKATY

*Financing positions RLC to achieve highest levels of
safety, performance and service*

Broussard, LA — September 15, 2011 — RLC, the largest privately-held helicopter operator for the oil & gas industry in the Gulf of Mexico, today announced that it has secured a strategic investment from Sankaty Advisors, one of the nation's leading private managers of fixed income and credit instruments. Terms of the private transaction were not disclosed.

Headquartered in Broussard, Louisiana, RLC provides complete helicopter services to the oil and gas industry throughout the Gulf region. The company also provides full-service helicopter maintenance to its fleet and customers.

“This funding milestone gives RLC the financial stability necessary to allow the company to excel at providing the service our customers have come to rely upon,” said Rodger Bagwell, President, RLC. “Sankaty’s strategic, long-term approach to investing will be invaluable as we pursue our goals and work to realize our potential.”

“This investment reflects our strong confidence in the RLC team and business,” said Brett L’Esperance, Executive Vice President at Sankaty Advisors. “RLC has earned a position as the largest privately-held helicopter services company in the Gulf, and the team has distinguished itself through a passionate commitment to helping customers achieve their goals through exceptional service. We believe RLC is well positioned to attain the next level of customer value and market leadership.”

About RLC

RLC, the largest privately-held helicopter operator in the Gulf of Mexico, is committed to being the industry’s most efficient and customer-focused company. Serving high-performance energy services providers and oil and gas producers, RLC’s fleet of offshore-equipped helicopters transport personnel and equipment to offshore production platforms and drilling rigs with the highest levels of safety, performance and service. By going above and beyond every time, RLC helps its customers move their businesses forward. For more information, visit <http://www.rlcilc.com>.



About Sankaty Advisors

Sankaty Advisors, one of the nation's leading private managers of fixed income and credit instruments, has approximately \$18 billion in committed assets under management. With its flexible fund structures and patient capital, Sankaty has the ability to invest across the entire breadth of the capital structure, including senior debt, second lien, mezzanine/subordinated debt, preferred stock, and common equity co-investments. Headquartered in Boston, the firm has offices in London, New York and Chicago. www.sankaty.com

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