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INFORMATION LETTER 206-10-100 206L-10-90

TO: All Owners/Operators of Bell 206 A/B/L Helicopters.

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE MANUAL CHAPTER 4 AND 5, REVISION OF.

This message is to inform our customers that Bell is currently reviewing the Model 206 A/B/L Maintenance Manuals, specifically Chapters 4 and 5, to increase selected retirement lives on some components. Bell continues to explore ways to improve its products and we thank our customers for their demonstrated loyalty and continued commitment to the Model 206 A/B/L series helicopter.

Although the Bell 206 Jet Ranger is no longer in production, its popularity in the market place is still ever so present with over 3800 active aircraft to benefit from this effort. As for the 206 Long Ranger, there are more than 1100 active aircraft that are also going to benefit from this program, including the 206L-4 which is still in full production.

This initiative is well under way and is expected to be made public in early 2011. As a result, our customers will see a reduction to the Direct Maintenance Cost (DMC). While it is premature to list all the parts that will benefit from this initiative, Bell believes that it is important to share this information with our customers well in advance. This will allow operators the option to safeguard and maintain the necessary documentation for components being retired from service prior to the release of the Maintenance Manual revision. Please note it is the responsibility of the operator to ensure only airworthy parts are returned to service.