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CAREFLIGHT WELCOMES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH TERRITORY GENERATION

CareFlight today welcomed Territory Generation on board as the new major sponsor of the Top End Rescue Helicopter.

The sponsorship delivers \$250,000 a year over three years and will help secure the future of the fast long-range AW139 helicopter operating out of CareFlight's base at Darwin Airport.

CareFlight operates the Top End Medical Retrieval Service on behalf of the Northern Territory Government under an agreement which includes a helicopter rescue service.

Through community support and fundraising, CareFlight was able to upgrade the aircraft in 2014 to the class-leading Agusta-Westland 139 helicopter, which has the size, speed and endurance to meet the considerable challenges of rescue services in the vast distances and varied terrain of the Top End.

Territory Generation Chairman David De Silva said the new partnership reflected the joint mission of both of organisations to keep Territorians safe and well.

"We are the employer of a large number of Territorians working in an industry which requires us to place safety as the No 1 priority," Mr De Silva said.

"The partnership between Territory Generation and CareFlight is a perfect fit due to our shared values of safety, focus, integrity, respect, teamwork and reliability.

"In addition, both Territory Generation and Careflight operate in all regions of the NT, 24 hours, seven days per week, 365 days of the year, and our work impacts communities Territory-wide."

CareFlight Northern Operations General Manager Craig Gibbons said the new sponsorship was an important event for all Territorians.

"It is important because we can be absolutely certain that this new sponsorship will help save lives and change lives for many of our fellow Territorians and our visitors," he said.

Recent examples where the helicopter had made a major difference included:

- A marathon nine-hour mission to rescue a young woman injured in a riding accident on a remote cattle station near the WA border, west of Lajamanu. She otherwise faced a long and agonising road journey over rough tracks to reach an airstrip.
- Two men stranded on a dark night in a steep gorge 100 km south of Port Keats were winched to safety in darkness after their boat capsized.

- An intensive care medical team flown direct to treat a miner with a serious head injury suffered while fishing off rocks in a remote corner of Groote Eylandt.
- On Mother's Day a young mum's life hung by a thread after a boat collision on the Finniss River. Thanks in large part to the rapid deployment of the helicopter and medical team, she is now well on the way to recovery.

Territory Generation's sponsorship package also includes support for the MediSim emergency trauma training program for rural and remote first responders as well as major event sponsorship for tomorrow night's CareFlight Gala Ball fundraiser at the Marrara Cricket Grounds.

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Launch photos attached.

About CareFlight

CareFlight's mission is to save lives, speed recovery and serve the community by providing the highest standard of pre-hospital critical care utilising helicopters, turbo-prop and jet aircraft. We care for more than 5,000 patients each year.

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About Territory Generation

Territory Generation (T-Gen) is the largest electricity provider in the Northern Territory, producing more than 2000GWh per year to power homes, industry, business and services. T-Gen owns and operates eight power stations across the Northern Territory.

Territory Generation was formerly an operational business unit of the Power and Water Corporation (PWC), becoming a separate Government Owned Corporation on 1 July 2014.

Our Vision is to be the trusted and respected employer and electricity generation business of choice.

Our purpose is to safely, efficiently and reliably generate electricity to sustainably contribute to the lifestyle and development of the Northern Territory.

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