

HELICOPTER COMPANY ACQUISITION EXPANDS SEA-TO-SKY AVIATION SERVICES

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MCM AVIATION is delighted to announce the acquisition of Whistler-based **BLACKCOMB HELICOPTERS**, a full service, multi-fleet, helicopter operator.

Positioned to meet the increasing demand for aviation services, particularly along the sea-to-sky corridor, the purchase of **BLACKCOMB HELICOPTERS** (www.blackcombhelicopters.com) is the result of a successful joint venture between two well-known B.C. based companies, **THE MCLEAN GROUP** (www.mcleangroup.com) and **OMEGA AVIATION** (www.omega-aviation.com).

“Blackcomb Helicopters is a first rate company and fits so well with our other business activities from film studios to telecommunications,” said McLean Group principal Sacha McLean. *“But it was having John Morris and Omega as a partner that really made this deal so compelling for us. Make no mistake, we intend nothing less than becoming the premier helicopter charter company in B.C.”*

Blackcomb Helicopters’ founder and former owner Steve Flynn, who remains with the company as General Manager, added *“Having an integrated operation right through the corridor positions us as the dominant helicopter operator in the whole area. Having built this company up with my wife Michele over seventeen years, I am really excited about the opportunity to take it to the next level.”*

In a statement from Omega Aviation, John Morris said, *“The acquisition of Blackcomb Helicopters is the result of an ongoing dialogue with respect to synergies with Steve. He is an operator for whom I have the highest regard and I couldn’t be happier about this joint venture with the McLean Group. This deal makes so much sense because each party brings a unique set of strengths to the table and the whole is worth so much more than the sum of the parts.”*

While MCM Aviation is not releasing the financial particulars of the transaction, the bank financing was provided by Canadian Western Bank. Blackcomb Helicopters will continue to operate under that name and customers can continue to expect the same high level of personal service and aviation competence, throughout the growth of the company.

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