

## **Omni Táxi Aéreo, OHI Unmanned and Petrobras Celebrate Historic Milestone in Brazilian Aviation with the First Offshore Night Flight of a Civilian Drone Covering 190km**

A new era in the development of low carbon, unmanned vehicle technology was celebrated in an event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, at Petrobras's headquarters in Rio de Janeiro

**Rio de Janeiro, 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2024** - Brazilian civil aviation has reached an unprecedented milestone with the completion of the country's first long-distance flight with a civilian drone. This achievement represents a significant advancement for the country in the use of remotely piloted aircraft. Conducted for Petrobras on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, the night flight at 8,000 feet covered 198km over the sea, from the Imbetiba Base in Macaé (RJ) to the offshore platform P-51, marking the first offshore cargo transport using an unmanned aircraft in Brazil.

Omni Táxi Aéreo is the contract holder, with OHI Unmanned—the joint venture between Nordic Unmanned and Omni Helicopters International (OHI) —as the executing party. This joint venture is dedicated to the operation of highly complex and capable RPA's (Remotely Piloted Aircraft)- Class 1 & 2.

"This was a milestone not only for aviation in our country but also for Omni. To the best of our knowledge, this was the longest distance covered by a civil unmanned aircraft (107 Nautical Miles) in Brazil. Additionally, it was the first use of an RPA in a long-distance offshore night flight in the country," highlights Roberto Coimbra, CEO of Omni Táxi Aéreo. The event was attended by representatives from Omni, Petrobras, ANAC, DECEA, and Nav Brasil.

The mission's goal was to transport cargo and to collect essential data on the sharing of airspace between UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) and helicopters. This integration represents a significant step in the development of unmanned aerial logistics, which will result in increased efficiency and safety in operations.

"OHI is at the forefront of sustainable solutions supporting the orderly energy transition – this program opens the door to significantly reduced costs and CO2 emissions for smaller and urgent payloads replacing the use of conventional helicopters and boats. This important milestone was only possible thanks to a successful three-way cooperation between Omni Táxi Aéreo, OHI Unmanned and Nordic Unmanned" said João Welsh, CEO of OHI Unmanned.

In addition to its logistical use, this RPA system will improve effectiveness in emergencies, such as oil spill detection and search and rescue operations, both day and night.



### **About Omni Helicopters International**

Omni Helicopters International (OHI), founded in Portugal in the 90s, stands at the forefront of Latin America's air mobility and delivery solutions sector. As the region's largest provider of these services, OHI caters to diverse customer groups across multiple segments, ensuring seamless and efficient solutions.

Through its subsidiaries Omni Taxi Aéreo in Brazil, Omni Helicopters Guyana Inc., and Omni Helicopters International Mozambique, OHI offers unmatched capability and capacity to serve offshore customers in the fastest growing offshore energy markets. The company's extensive portfolio includes Crew Change, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Firefighting, Search and Rescue operations, as well as highly specialized Cargo and Utility services in remote and challenging locations.

In line with its commitment to innovation, OHI has two groundbreaking ventures: OHI Unmanned, a specialist division focusing on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) services, and Revo, a premium advanced air mobility (AAM) solution provider.

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