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PRESS DEMONSTRATION.

FIRE-FIGHTING BY HELICOPTER.

The Hunting Group Fire Officer and Helicopter Services Ltd., invite your attendance at Luton Airport at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, the 29th April, to witness a demonstration of a dramatically effective method of rescuing personnel from crashed and burning aircraft.

A helicopter flies the rescue team to the scene of the crash and lands - or descends to jumping height - to put them into action. IT THEN HOVERS LOW ALONGSIDE THE FIRE, THE DOWN-DRAUGHT FROM ITS ROTOR SWEEPING THE FLAMES ASIDE, AND SO ENABLING THE RESCUE TEAM TO PENETRATE IMMEDIATELY INTO THE HEART OF THE FIRE.

For the purpose of this demonstration a two-seater Hiller helicopter will be used to land a single rescuer and control the fire, but in the case of a major accident the use of a larger helicopter is envisaged.

The use of a helicopter for this purpose would not only enable a rescue team to arrive at the scene of the crash in the shortest possible time but would also permit them to proceed at once with direct rescue operations without having to wait for fire-fighting equipment to be brought into use and take effect.

The helicopter pilot would be in radio contact with the responsible air-field and could, while keeping the fire under control, inform the air-field authorities of the precise location of the incident, thus enabling the follow-up emergency services to reach the spot with the minimum delay.

Since the majority of aircraft crashes occur near air-fields, during landing and take off, the immediate availability of a standby rescue helicopter at every major airport could be an effective means of life saving.

Should you wish to attend this demonstration, you are requested to notify:-

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Hunting Aviation Management Limited,
The Airport, Luton, Bedfordshire.
Telephone : Luton 6060, ext. 318.