Bristow Group Inc Form 8-K February 03, 2009

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 28, 2009

Bristow Group Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 72-0679819 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

2000 W. Sam Houston Pkwy. S., Suite 1700 Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices) 77042 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 267-7600

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Amendment to Employment Agreement. On January 28, 2009, Bristow Helicopter Group Limited, an affiliate of Bristow Group Inc. (the "Company") entered into an Amendment to Employment Agreement (the "Amendment") with Mr. Richard Burman, Senior Vice President, Eastern Hemisphere. The Amendment provides for payment of certain benefits upon a Change of Control as defined in the Amendment. If Mr. Burman's employment is terminated within two years of a Change of Control, as defined in the agreement, he will receive a payment equal to three times the sum of his annual base salary and highest annual incentive bonus received by him for any of the last three fiscal years. The amendment also provides for vesting of outstanding awards under the Company's long term equity incentive plans upon a Change in Control. During the two years following a Change in Control, Mr. Burman's base salary will not be reduced and his annual bonus target under the Company's incentive bonus program will be at least equal to his highest annual bonus during the Company's last three fiscal years.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the Amendment attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit

10.1 2009 Amendment to Employment Agreement

of Mr. Richard Burman

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 3, 2009

BRISTOW GROUP INC.

(Registrant)

By: /S/ Randall A. Stafford Randall A. Stafford Vice President and General Counsel, Corporate Secretary

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**Exhibit Number** 

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Description of Exhibit

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