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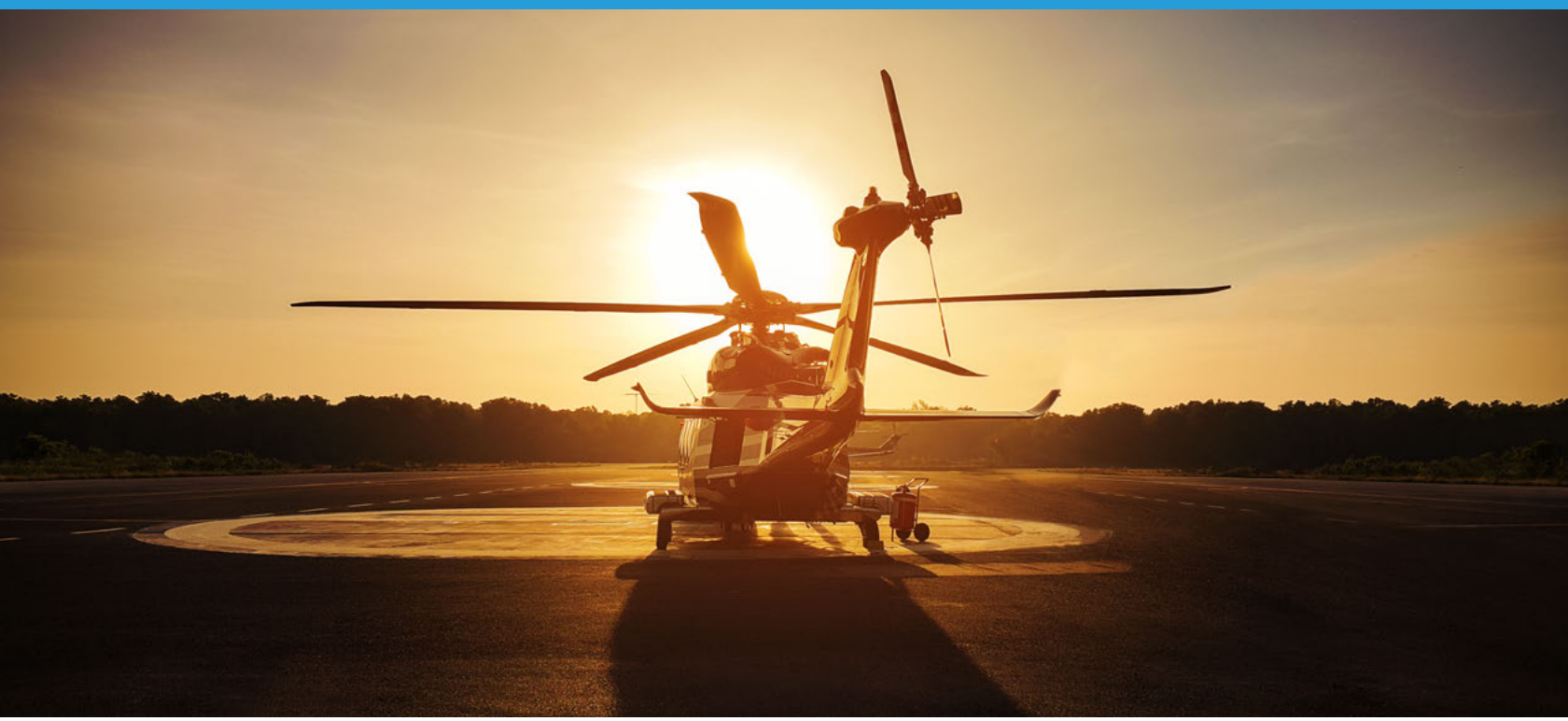

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FOREWORD

The *Heliport Manual* (Doc 9261) is divided into two parts to address helicopter landing areas at a range of offshore installations and vessels (Part I), as distinct from the heliports used in the onshore environment (Part II). Chapter references in this document are to chapters in Part I unless noted otherwise.

Although not exclusively the case, the types of facilities illustrated in Part I are typically used in the process of mineral extraction and for the exploration and/or exploitation of oil and/or gas in the offshore environment. Increasingly, however, installations equipped with helicopter landing areas are being used to service the offshore renewable energy sector, e.g. a substation with helideck is used as a base for helicopters shuttling around a wind farm. Although the current method of personnel transfer from a helicopter to a wind turbine (nacelle) tends to be helicopter hoist operations (HHO), rather than land-on operations, it is possible that in the future, considering the development of yet-larger wind turbines, some turbines may be equipped with helicopter landing areas that allow maintenance personnel to land on the turbine in the same way that a helicopter would land on an oil or gas facility.

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Future developments

Part I — *Offshore Heliports* represents the first stage in the modernization and updating of the Heliport Manual in light of the substantial development of Annex 14 — *Aerodromes*, Volume II — *Heliports* in recent years, and of the equipment, technology and best practices used by the heliports arena.

Part II of this manual is planned for publishing in 2020.

The guidance material in this manual will be updated at regular intervals. Comments on this manual would be appreciated from all parties involved in heliport design, construction, safety oversight and operations. These comments should be addressed to:

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