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## Shimco Designated Premier Supplier by Bell Helicopter

*Designation a result of meeting stringent standards, including a high rating from an on-site cross-functional inspection*

**MARKHAM, Ontario** (April 11, 2012) – Shimco announced today the receipt of the prestigious Bell Helicopter Premier Supplier Award. This designation recognizes Shimco's world class business processes and quality products, including precision manufactured parts, laminated and edgebond shims, tapers and spacers.

In order to qualify for the Premier Supplier Award, a supplier must meet or exceed numerous standards including AS9100 Certification, consistent delivery of high-quality materials at a minimum 98 percent frequency rate, and a high rating on a cross-functional on-site inspection conducted by Bell Helicopter. Shimco currently provides Bell Helicopter with general and machined shims, supporting all models in production.



Peter Voss, President of Shimco comments: "The entire team at Shimco is honoured to receive this esteemed designation from our long-time customer and partner, Bell Helicopter. The award recognizes many years of dedication and hard work by our employees in building superior business processes and products that can compete on the world stage. We are committed to continually exceeding Bell Helicopter's standards and extend the same level of quality and service to all of our customers."

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### **About Bell Helicopter**

Bell Helicopter, a wholly owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., is an industry-leading producer of commercial and military, manned and unmanned vertical lift aircraft and the pioneer of the revolutionary tilt rotor aircraft. Globally recognized for world-class customer service, innovation and superior quality, Bell's global workforce serves customers flying Bell aircraft in more than 120 countries.

### **About Shimco**

For over 25 years, Shimco has served the Aerospace, Defense, Space, Industrial and other industries worldwide with precision manufactured parts, laminated and edgebond shims, tapers and spacers in a wide range of materials from aluminum and titanium through to synthetics and composites.

Headquartered in Markham, Ontario, Canada, Shimco offers a tradition of Precision, Execution and Value, providing solutions that conform to exacting international and customer-specific standards. An ISO9001:2008 & AS9100C Registered Company, Shimco is committed to quality, on-time delivery, lean manufacturing and financial strength. Visit [www.shimco.com](http://www.shimco.com) for more information.

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