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## Introduction

Bell Helicopter Textron started from the Bell Aircraft Company's early developments in the helicopter field during World War II, which produced the world's first commercially licensed helicopter in March 1946. By 1950, the commercial and military helicopter business had grown to such proportions as to warrant the establishment of a separate Helicopter Division, which moved into its new facilities at Fort Worth, Texas, in 1952.

This move was made for the purpose of establishing an integrated facility that could concentrate its full attention to the design, development and production of rotary wing aircraft. The facilities and management techniques that have been developed and continuously updated represent the most modern capabilities in the United States today for the development and production of VTOL systems. They provide Bell Helicopter Textron with a complete in-house capability to produce VTOL systems including the full range of engineering talents, and the ability to produce all

components required in the manufacture of the basic helicopter vehicle. On July 2, 1960, the defense group of Bell Aircraft Corporation (Niagara Frontier Division, Bell Helicopter, and Hydraulic Research and Manufacturing Company) was sold outright to Textron Incorporated of Providence, RI. Founded as a textile manufacturer in 1928, Textron Incorporated changed its name and its corporate identity in 1952 and almost immediately embarked upon a broad multi-product program which now has given it 28 divisions, with more than 50,000 employees working in 126 plants in the United States and Canada. Today the products of Textron fall into these four basic categories: 18 percent metal products, 17 percent consumer, 48 percent aerospace, and 17 percent industrial. This healthy diversification coupled with an experienced and stable operating organization has resulted in a steady growth in sales and earnings during the last ten years. Textron's varied and flexible structure has the financial strength to give full support to a major defense contractor and civilian production company such as Bell Helicopter Textron.



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