Bristow Group Inc. 'BB' Ratings Affirmed, Outlook Revised To Negative On Weakening Margins Feb 12

Description:
Weakness in U.S.-based helicopter services provider Bristow Group Inc.'s margins has negatively affected its operating performance and leverage measures. We are affirming all of our ratings, including the 'BB' corporate credit rating, on Bristow. At the same time, we are revising the rating outlook to negative from stable. The negative outlook reflects our expectation that leverage could exceed 4x if the company is unable to improve margins. NEW YORK (Standard & Poor's) Feb. 23, 2012--Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said today that it revised its outlook on Houston-based Bristow Group Inc. to negative from stable and affirmed all of its ratings, including the 'BB' corporate credit rating, on the company. "The outlook revision reflects the potential that Bristow's leverage could...

Companies mentioned in this report are:
- Bristow Group Inc.

Action: Affirmed
Action: Outlook: Negative

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