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HeliCat Canada expresses condolences for those impacted by the avalanche near Kaslo and for Stellar Heli Skiing

VANCOUVER, B.C., March 25, 2025 — HeliCat Canada wants to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of the people who passed away and sustained injuries in the avalanche that took place at approximately 12:30 PST on March 24, 2025, near Kaslo, B.C. We also want to express our sympathy to the guests and the team at Stellar Heli Skiing. We understand the ripple effect that traumatic events such as these can have on all and an avalanche of this scale can impact all who are touched by it.

Our priority remains to provide assistance and support to everyone who was affected. We've been in touch with Stellar Heli Skiing and offered our full support. We are grateful to the RCMP and Kaslo Search and Rescue for their onsite response to this incident.

Ensuring the safety of our members' guests, staff and guides is the most important work we do and will always be the top priority of the helicat skiing industry. HeliCat Canada demands the highest safety standards including rigorous inspection audits and accreditation from operators, with each operator cycling through an audit every five years. Safety and risk management standards are a large part of this.

Avalanches are one of the greatest risks to people on mountains and in the backcountry. Our operators and their teams are some of the best in the world at snow science and safety. Similar to many outdoor activities, it's impossible to eliminate 100% of the risks posed by nature, but our industry does its best to mitigate it with our world-class knowledge and expertise.

Members of our Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team have been supporting Stellar Heli Skiing—offering debriefing and defusing services, follow-up peer support and other resources.

We understand that Stellar Heli Skiing is working closely with the RCMP and others to respond to the incident and investigate the cause of the avalanche. The RCMP, Coroner and WorkSafeBC have launched investigations.



HeliCat Canada is the trade association of the Canadian helicopter and snowcat skiing industry. Its primary mandate is to promote the continual improvement of the industry through research, education, and advocacy, and by overseeing a trade accreditation program.

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