

### 3.3.1 Future Plans and Areas of Growth

One of the areas of growth which Wira Kris has earmarked for future development is air charter services. The company plans to buy an executive jet (possibly a Piper Aztec or Navajo) to meet the increasing demand for charter operations. The company recently purchased a new Dornier aircraft for C\$4.35 million.

### 3.3.2 Consultancy

Wira Kris Engineering recently engaged the services of consultants from Hawker Pacific to provide technical training to the company's aircraft maintenance engineers. There is a marked shortage of skilled aeronautical engineers in the local aviation industry since quite a few have migrated to countries like Canada and Australia. The company has even resorted to recruiting aeronautical engineers from countries like Burma and Nepal.

### 3.3.3 Procurement Practice

Wira Kris is a private company and the standard procurement practice is to call for quotations (as opposed to calling for tenders). Since the company has a small aircraft fleet, its requirements are largely confined to consumable spares. The purchasing of spare parts required for the Air Police Unit's Pilatus aircraft is done by the Air Police Unit itself.

### 3.4 Airod

Airod Sendirian Berhad is a joint venture company set up in 1985 between Aerospace Industries Malaysia (AIM) and Lockheed Aircraft Services International (LASI). AIMS shareholders are the Government of Malaysia (the Ministry of Defence), Malaysia Airlines and United Motor Works.

The company has depot level capabilities covering the areas of aircraft maintenance and overhaul; engine and components overhaul; aerocomponents overhaul and repair; and avionics and electronics calibration and repair. The capabilities of Airod can be summarized as follows:

#### Aircraft Division

- Depot Level Maintenance
- Corrosion Control & Repair
- Strip and Paint
- Sheet Metal Structures
- Fabrication
- Fuel Cells/Fuels Tanks
- Refurbish
- Modifications

#### Engine Division

- Overhaul
- Inspection: Visual and Dimensional
- Test Cell: Turbo, Turbo shaft
- Reciprocating
- Non-Destructive Testing
- Chemical Cleaning
- Electro-plating
- TIG Welding
- Flame Spray
- Fuel/Oil Components and Accessories