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'BLACKEYES' HELIKITES FLYING TO HELP PROTECT AFRICAN RHINOS

Allsopp Helikites Ltd has modified its Taliban fighting aerostats for use against ruthless rhino poachers in Africa.

The revolutionary new 'Blackeyes' Helikites can permanently hover hundreds of feet above game reserves day and night, detecting poachers over many square kilometres in all directions, even in pitch darkness. It is silent and invisible at night.

When they are spotted 'Blackeyes' can then move and chase the poachers for miles over the bush, monitoring them constantly from the air until they are caught.

Helikites are a new type of all-weather, lighter-than-air, persistent, tethered aircraft. They are novel because they are the only highly stable aerostats in the world that are pushed up by both helium and also by the wind. This means that even tiny Helikites can lift useful payloads to great altitude, whilst being very weather-survivable.

The 'Blackeyes' system is a combination of an 8 foot long Helikite and the latest radio-controlled pan/tilt thermal imaging video camera technology. It also includes a ground-station, video monitors, a tough Helikite winch, flying line and a special multi-platform launch pad. 'Blackeyes' is highly effective at protecting isolated farmsteads, ranger outposts and game animals from poachers, thieves and kidnappers.

Unlike the familiar huge aerostats that can cost millions of dollars and require a large team of operators, Helikites only ever needs one person to fly them and are the same cost to buy and run as a farm pick-up truck. Helikites instantly deploy and fly in worse weathers than any other aerostat, of any size, anywhere in the world.

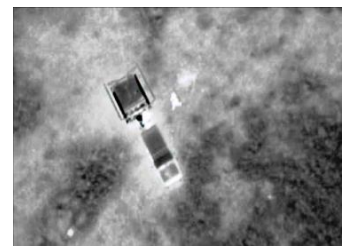
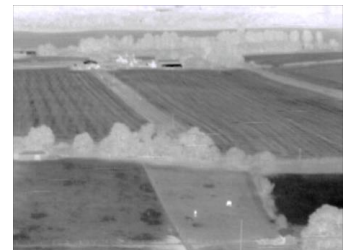
'Blackeyes' Helikites can fly from a field, trailer, roof top or pick-up truck. Helikites fly unattended, automatically up to 1000ft as required and can be easily and reliably towed at speed by a vehicle or a boat. They cope with rain, wind, dust and sandstorms.

Night and day, 'Blackeyes' streams by wireless real-time aerial video, long distances to numerous handy, high-resolution monitors in headquarters buildings, tourist lodges, vehicles and even into the ranger's hands whilst patrolling on foot.

'Blackeyes' is not just a temporary relief from poachers. The whole ethos of this revolutionary system is that it is affordable for any game farmer to fly permanently over his property indefinitely. Instead of only part of a reserve being protected occasionally, 'Blackeyes' can protect an entire reserve –all the time.

The cost of replacing just one rhino would buy 100 years of constant 'Blackeyes' surveillance. This means that for game farms who presently lose one rhino per year, an effective 'Blackeyes' system could pay for itself within 24 days.

'Blackeyes' is capable enough to be a significant force against game poaching of all types and if used in force, could help save some species from their imminent extinction.



About Allsopp Helikites Limited

Allsopp Helikites Ltd is a privately owned SME and a designer and manufacturer of advanced lighter-than-air, compact, all-weather aerostat systems. The company delivers a full range of products including Helikite aerostats, one-man Helikite launch systems, trailers, winches, video surveillance cameras, aerial photographic equipment, radio-relay systems.

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