

Leonardo-Finmeccanica strengthens role in US air ambulance market with sale of three GrandNew Helicopters

- Sale to long-time customer expands the number of GrandNew emergency medical service operators
- Aircraft will replace two AW109Power helicopters serving patients across the state
- Over 115 AgustaWestland EMS helicopters now in service across North America

Farnborough, 11 July 2016 – Leonardo-Finmeccanica announced today the sale of three GrandNew helicopters in EMS configuration to long-time US customer, LifeFlight of Maine. The new helicopters will transition into a mixed fleet of aircraft to deliver advanced in-flight patient care and transport to critically injured patients across the state of Maine. Equipped with a modern, comprehensive EMS interior featuring a single stretcher, all three GrandNew helicopters will feature NVG compatibility. The first one is expected to enter into service in 2016, with the additional two in 2017, and 2018, respectively.

“The GrandNew will simultaneously improve our immediate ability to deliver care to vulnerable patients while transitioning LifeFlight to ‘next gen’ performance,” said LifeFlight of Maine Executive Director, Tom Judge. “Safely operating in a 24/365 complex geography with extremes of weather and temperature requires high reliability, high performance, and fully capable IFR aircraft. As our fourth generation of AgustaWestland helicopters, the GrandNew will extend our range and capacity and support our ever more complex medical mission. Critically ill and injured patients trust their lives to our care. We take the gift of trust seriously. We depend on Leonardo.”

The sale represents the growing share of AgustaWestland helicopters in the North American EMS market, which now totals 115 across a fleet of AW119s, AW109s, and AW139s.

Note to editors on the GrandNew helicopter

The GrandNew’s outstanding performance in terms of speed and range, large cabin with easy access and modern avionics system make it the most capable light twin helicopter for EMS missions. Orders for more than 360 helicopters from the Grand series have been placed by over 220 customers in nearly 40 countries worldwide, to perform tasks including EMS, SAR, electronic newsgathering, corporate and passenger transport, harbour pilot shuttle, maritime patrol and water pollution monitoring.

Note to editors on LifeFlight of Maine

LifeFlight of Maine is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit air medical and critical care transport organization. LifeFlight brings lifesaving critical care staff and equipment directly to the patient via helicopter, airplane and ground ambulance. It also provides advanced emergency medical training to Maine’s hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS) and public safety agencies. Overseen by 25 physicians, LifeFlight cared for more than 1,600 critically ill and injured patients last year. Since its inception in 1998, LifeFlight has transported more than 20,000 patients from every hospital and nearly all of Maine’s communities and islands.

Note

Following the process of the reorganisation of the **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** Group’s companies, it should be noted that from January 1st 2016: the “Helicopters” division has absorbed the activities of AgustaWestland; the “Aircraft” division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the “Aero-structures” division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the “Airborne & Space Systems” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Land & Naval Defence Electronics” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Security & Information Systems” division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the “Defence Systems” division has absorbed the activities of OTO Melara and WASS.

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