

Leonardo-Finmeccanica: contract for additional 30 EMS helicopters sets largest EMS programme in China

- **The contract signed with Sino-US includes the AW139 and AW169 types**
- **The helicopters will be delivered in 2017 and will be operated by KingWing**
- **Order follows contract for 25 AW119Kx in early 2016**
- **More than 180 Leonardo helicopters of various types have been sold to Chinese customers to date for a range of commercial and public service duties**

Rome, 14 December 2016 – Leonardo-Finmeccanica and Chinese company Sino-US Intercontinental Helicopter Investment announced today the signature of a contract for 30 helicopters in EMS (Emergency Medical Service) configuration comprising the AgustaWestland AW139 intermediate and AW169 light intermediate twin engine models. The aircraft are expected to be delivered in 2017 and will be operated by Kingwing General Aviation, the parent company of Sino-US.

With this contract, the presence of Leonardo in China grows stronger with more than 180 helicopters sold to Chinese customers to date, and with 2016 setting a new record with more than 20 helicopters delivered to China this year. The order follows a contract signed by Sino-US earlier this year for 25 AW119Kx helicopters which paved the path for the establishment of the largest EMS helicopter programme nationwide in China. Sino-US Intercontinental has so far placed orders for over 80 helicopters comprising AW119Kx, GrandNew, AW169, AW139 and AW189 models. The growing fleet is reinforced by a similarly growing customer support presence, recently confirmed by the opening of a major warehouse facility in Shanghai.

Note to editors on Kingwing General Aviation and Sino-US Intercontinental

Shanghai Kingwing General Aviation Co., Ltd (SKGA) is a CAAC (Civil Aviation Administration of China) Certified Class-A General Aviation company. Established in 2006, SKGA has now become one of leading general aviation companies in China with the largest helicopter fleet, strongest operating capabilities and highest operating experience. SKGA has signed collaboration agreements with many hospitals and emergency centers in China, starting to offer air ambulance services in eight provinces and is gradually expanding EMS operations across the nation. So far, SKGA has fielded 11 EMS helicopters including nine EMS configured AW119Kx, one GrandNew and one AW139.

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.

Leonardo-Finmeccanica is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy's main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Leonardo-Finmeccanica operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), at 31 December 2015 Finmeccanica recorded consolidated revenues of 13 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.

Sino-US Intercontinental (Sino-US Intercontinental Helicopter Investment Co. Ltd) is part of Shanghai Zenisun Investment Group, a large conglomerate corporation which focuses on real estate and general aviation. The company has been undertaking helicopter sales and operations in China since 2006, providing a one-stop service for helicopter purchase, import, operation, management, support & training as well as airport construction.