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Caverton Helicopters Order Three More AW139s To Support Additional Deepwater Clients

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, is pleased to announce that Caverton Helicopters has signed a contract for an additional three AW139 helicopters to support new clients in the West African sub-region. Caverton currently operates six AW139s performing offshore transport missions in support of the oil and gas industry in Nigeria and is the largest operator of the type in the region.

Geoff Hoon, Managing Director Business, AgustaWestland said at the signing ceremony "I am delighted Caverton Helicopters have ordered the AW139 to meet their requirements for a long range helicopter to serve deepwater oil and gas rigs. This contract highlights the continued success of the AW139 in West Africa and grows our successful partnership with Caverton Helicopters, who are not only the largest operator of the type in the region but are also our Authorised Service Centre."

Adeniyi Makanjuola, Executive Vice Chairman of Caverton said at the signing ceremony "This order represents another major milestone for Caverton as we broaden our client base and continue to increase our capacity in Africa. The choice of the AW139 is a testament to its unrivalled performance and capability in our operating environment and we remain confident that it will continue to deliver exceptional results for us."

Caverton Helicopters was appointed an AgustaWestland Authorized Service Centre for the AW139 intermediate twin helicopter in Nigeria in July 2012. Caverton's Service Centre, based in West Africa's commercial hub, Lagos, provides maintenance and repair services and an extensive a spare parts inventory for the type, delivering high levels of service to AW139 operators across the region.

The AW139 delivers best-in-class performance with a maximum cruise speed of 165 knots (306 kph), and superior performance for range, endurance and hovering. With its power reserve, the AW139 assures Category "A" (Class 1) performance from a helipad (elevated or at ground level) at maximum take-off weight. The AW139 is the market leader in the medium twin class and the only helicopter in service in its class that meets all the latest safety requirements.

More than 500 aircraft are now in service performing many roles including EMS/SAR, offshore transport, VIP/corporate transport, law enforcement and military transport. More than 180 customers from almost 60 countries have ordered over 700 AW139 helicopters so far.

Headquartered in Lagos, Caverton Helicopters is the first wholly indigenous civil helicopter company to work in the oil and gas industry. Operating from facilities around the country and more recently in other parts of West Africa, Caverton Helicopters provides a range of services including transportation, maintenance, search and rescue and related services to offshore oil companies and other business sectors.

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Geoff Hoon, Managing Director Business, AgustaWestland (left) and Adeniyi Makanjuola, Executive Vice Chairman of Caverton (right) following the signing of the contract.