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Finmeccanica – AgustaWestland signs contract for six AW139 helicopters for emergency medical service in Australia

Finmeccanica – AgustaWestland signed a contract with Australian Helicopters to supply six AW139 helicopters that will be operated for Ambulance Victoria. These aircraft are expected to enter service in January 2016 and will be used to perform emergency medical service missions.

The AW139 is a new generation helicopter designed with inherent multirole capabilities and to provide maximized operational flexibility. It features a wide cabin, superior performance and the highest levels of safety and comfort. Thanks to its characteristics, the AW139 is ideally suited for emergency medical service operations.

The AW139 is the bestselling helicopter in its category in the world market, with orders for over 770 units from more than 200 customers in over 60 countries so far to perform a number of missions such as rescue, passenger transport, offshore transport supporting the Oil&Gas industry, law enforcement and public utility duties.

This latest contract further strengthens the presence of Finmeccanica- AgustaWestland in the region with over 50 helicopters currently in service in Australia and New Zealand.

Finmeccanica is Italy's leading manufacturer in the high technology sector and ranks among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security. In 2013 Finmeccanica generated revenues of 16 billion Euro and obtained orders for 17.6 billion euro, with about 64,000 employees operating in 362 sites (of which 138 industrial facilities) in 22 countries worldwide. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (FNC IM; SIFI.MI), Finmeccanica is a multinational and multicultural group which boasts permanent industrial and commercial establishments in four domestic markets (Italy, United Kingdom, United States and Poland) and a significant network of partnerships at international level. Finmeccanica's success is based on its technological excellence, which springs from conspicuous investments in Research & Development (amounting to 11% of the revenues), and the constant efforts in developing and integrating the skills, know-how and values of its operating companies. Finmeccanica is active, through controlled companies and joint ventures, in the following sectors: Helicopters (AgustaWestland), Defence Electronics and Security (Selex ES, DRS Technologies), Aeronautics (Alenia Aermacchi, ATR, SuperJet International), Space (Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space), Defence Systems (Oto Melara, WASS, MBDA) and Transportation (Ansaldo STS, AnsaldoBreda, BredaMenarinibus).