

Leonardo: AW169 obtains first Danish order and enters UK's wind farm support market

- **Uni-Fly A/S of Denmark has ordered two AW169s**
- **The aircraft will enter the UK's wind farm support market in 1Q2018**
- **Orders for over 160 AW169s from customers worldwide with more than 40 in service**

London, 3 October 2017 – Leonardo announced today the signing of a contract with Uni-Fly A/S of Denmark for two AgustaWestland AW169 light intermediate twin engine helicopters. The aircraft will enter service in the first quarter of 2018 to perform wind farm support operations for DONG Energy at Hornsea Project One, in the North Sea, 120km offshore from Humberside, UK.

The order marks the first contract for the AW169 model in Denmark as well as the first AW169s to be used to support wind farm duties in UK, following successful operations carried out in the North Sea for other customers in Europe. These helicopters will feature a specially customised configuration including a dedicated offshore interior and rescue hoist to support maintenance personnel working on the wind turbines. Uni-Fly A/S and DONG Energy will perform a quantum leap forward in capabilities due to the high performance and the latest generation technology and safety standards of the AW169 – making it the most advanced helicopter in its weight category today. In Europe the AW169 has already proven successful in other key markets including emergency medical service, corporate transport, harbor pilot shuttle and law enforcement.

Note to editors on the AW169 helicopter

A versatile, new generation twin engine light intermediate category helicopter, the 4.6/4.8 tonne AW169 has been designed in response to the growing market demand for an aircraft that delivers high performance, meets all the latest safety standards and has multi-role capabilities. Orders for more than 160 AW169 helicopters have been signed by over 60 customers in 20 countries around the world to date for a wide range of applications including air ambulance, law enforcement, executive/corporate and offshore transport, electronic newsgathering and utility roles. More than 40 units are already in service worldwide.

Note to editors on Uni-Fly A/S

Uni-Fly A/S was founded in Denmark in 1970, and has been operating helicopters for 47 years. During this time the company has conducted a wealth of different helicopter operations. The starting point was crop dusting and later on also power and pipe line inspections. For many years operations have also included geological surveys and shipborne ice reconnaissance contracts in Greenland. In 2002 Uni-Fly A/S spearheaded the development of hoist equipped helicopters for wind farm support, being the first operator to obtain approval for the transfer of passengers using a helicopter hoist. The initial development was done in close collaboration with the Danish Civil Aviation Authority, laying down what became the framework for the industry. Uni-Fly A/S has conducted more than 50,000 hoist operations to offshore wind turbines and offshore installations in the North Sea offshore Denmark, Germany and the United Kingdom.