

PRESS RELEASE

## **THC and Leonardo bolster corporate transport and EMS capabilities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with major AW139 helicopter fleet expansion**

**16 firm and 6 optional AW139s will be introduced into service for EMS and corporate transport, with deliveries starting in 2022 and completion within three years**

**Expanding THC's AW139s existing fleet of seven helicopters, with the possibility of six additional aircraft in the future**

**Bestselling type in its category with over 1200 units sold, more than 290 customers in over 70 nations worldwide for the widest range of applications and over 170 AW139s sold to operators in the Middle East to date**

**Rome, 11/03/2022** - THC (The Helicopter Company) and Leonardo are further reinforcing their collaboration in civil helicopter operations with the introduction of 16 AW139 intermediate twin engine aircraft for emergency medical service (EMS) and corporate transport missions across the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Deliveries commence to start this year and shall be completed within the following three years. These aircraft add to THC's existing AW139 fleet of seven helicopters. Six additional units may follow in the future expansion.

Gian Piero Cutillo, MD Leonardo Helicopters, said "We're extremely pleased to build on the outstanding collaboration developed over years with THC contributing to their continued excellent quality service growth with more AW139 helicopters. We look forward to supporting our partner to deliver an even greater level of effective and safe passenger transport and emergency response missions across their country."

"We are really excited to expand significantly our Leonardo fleet with this new order. The AW139 is certainly one of the most reliable platforms in the industry and the "best in class" transportation in this category. We are also delighted to re-emphasize our partnership with Leonardo a historic partner of THC, to develop new capabilities and services across the full rotary ecosystem in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia" Said by Captain Arnaud Martinez, CEO of The Helicopter Company

The world's most important helicopter programme since its certification in 2004 and the bestselling type in its category, the AW139 has logged orders for over 1200 units from more than 290 customers in over 70 countries to date. The type has proven extremely successful in the Middle East with over 170 units sold across the region for the widest scope of missions including corporate transport, emergency medical service, search and rescue, law enforcement, offshore transport, government duties. The AW139 delivers outstanding capabilities, technology and safety to meet stringent requirements from operators for tasks in harsh conditions to maximize effectiveness. The type features state-of-the-art avionics with advanced navigation and collision avoidance systems to enhance situational awareness and reduce pilots' workload, unmatched speed, power margins and overall performance, the widest cabin in its category featuring high modularity for rapid reconfiguration, a unique 60+ min run-dry capable main gear box for enhanced reliability and safety and up to 1000 certified kits.

### **About THC**

The Saudi Public Investment Fund (PIF) established THC as part of its strategy to activate new sectors that meet the growing demands for commercial helicopters in Saudi Arabia. THC also supports the realization of Vision 2030 and generates long-term commercial returns. THC is the Kingdom's first and only commercial helicopter operator and has been operating since mid-2019.

For more information, please visit: [www.thehelicoptercompany.com.sa](http://www.thehelicoptercompany.com.sa)

To know more on Leonardo Helicopters, visit the new website [helicopters.leonardo.com](http://helicopters.leonardo.com)

**Leonardo**, a global high-technology company, is among the top world players in Aerospace, Defense and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries that include Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2020 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.4 billion and invested €1.6 billion in Research and Development. The company has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010 and has been confirmed among the global sustainability leaders in 2021. Leonardo is also included in the MIB ESG index.

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