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LEONARDO, PT ESYSTEM SOLUTIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA SIGN LETTER OF INTENT FOR AW149 HELICOPTERS TO MEET NAVAL ROTORCRAFT REQUIREMENTS

Rome, 21 July 2026 - Leonardo, PT ESystem Solutions and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia (MoD) today announced the signing of a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the supply and support of naval helicopters for the Indonesian Navy. The agreement also includes plans to develop local technical assistance, maintenance, completion and training capabilities.

If followed by a contract, this could lead to the supply of AW149 helicopters for search and rescue and disaster relief, for both land-based and embarked operations. The programme supports Indonesia's naval modernisation programme, strengthening its emergency response capabilities. It would also further expand the presence of Leonardo in the Indonesian helicopter market particularly in rescue, law enforcement and passenger transport requirements.

The LOI highlights the growing partnership between Leonardo and PT ESystem Solutions, following the launch of the Indonesia's M-346 F Block 20 light fighter programme. It shows continued confidence by Indonesia's MoD in Leonardo's products and technologies as well as in the company's commitment to providing a major contribution to the growth of the country's national aerospace and defence industry.

The AW149 is a latest generation multirole medium weight military helicopter designed to meet the most demanding needs of armed forces and is in service internationally to perform a wide range of mission including tactical transport, utility, close support, MEDEVAC/CASEVAC, SAR and Combat Search and Rescue. Its selection in Indonesia would further strengthen its presence in Southeast Asia.

Leonardo is an international industrial group that develops multi-domain technological capabilities for global security. A key player in the major strategic programmes in Aerospace, Defence and Security, it employs over 62,000 people worldwide and operates in the Electronics, Helicopters, Aircraft, Cyber & Security and Space sectors. The company has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the United States, and is active in 150 countries also through subsidiaries, joint ventures and investees. Leonardo is a technological and industrial partner to Governments, Defence Administrations, Institutions and businesses. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2025 Leonardo recorded new orders of €23.8 billion, an order backlog of €46.6 billion and consolidated revenues of €19.5 billion. Included in the MIB ESG Index, the company has also been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010.

