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Leonardo-Finmeccanica: Canadian EMS operator Ornge signs support contract for AW139 helicopter fleet

- Six year contract extends logistics support and maintenance services
- Existing support contract allowed an over 95 percent dispatch availability rate
- Ornge recently added an 11th AW139 to its fleet in support of critically ill and injured patients

Rome, 14 December 2016 – Leonardo-Finmeccanica today announced that it has signed a contract with Canadian emergency medical services (EMS) operator Ornge for an additional six years of logistics support and component repair and overhaul services for its AgustaWestland AW139 helicopter fleet through its performance-based Full Component Plan. The contract, part of Leonardo's Service Excellence new support offering, solidifies the support partnership between the company and Ornge, following operational success in 2015 where the air medical transport provider flew in excess of 6,000 flight hours in 24/7 operations across seven rotary-wing bases and reached a 95 percent dispatch availability rate. The Full Component Plan is in place to further support critical care transportation across Ontario by improving spares planning and forecasting and implementing guaranteed logistics performance.

An 11th AW139 helicopter was recently added to Ornge's fleet, following the full reconfiguration of an existing utility aircraft to air ambulance role. The aircraft was modified in less than three months at the company's Philadelphia facility by adding a range of mission equipment including Wire Strike Protection System, Second Landing Light, SATCOM Latitude Telephone, V/UHF Radio and a new intercom system in the cabin. The demanding timeline highlights the ability of the Philadelphia's completion center to quickly meet new customer requirements. The aircraft now features a full medical interior and has been deployed to a base in Moosonee, Ontario, Canada.

About the AW139

The new generation AW139 sets new standards in the market with advanced technology and class leading performance, reliability, safety, versatility and cabin space. The aircraft has outstanding one engine inoperative capabilities and it's ideally suited to operate in harsh temperature and altitude environments. The advanced integrated cockpit minimises pilot workload, allowing the crew to concentrate on mission objectives. For EMS missions the AW139 can host up to 4 litters and 6 medical attendants. Almost 240 customers from over 70 countries have ordered over 970 AW139 helicopters making it the best-selling helicopter in its class. The AW139 can perform a wide range of roles including EMS, SAR, executive/private and government transport, law enforcement, utility and offshore transport, government missions. EMS-configured AW139s are in service around the world, including high-profile operations in Italy, Canada, the U.S., Australia, and Malaysia.

Note

Following the process of the reorganisation of the **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** Group's companies, it should be noted that from January 1st 2016: the "Helicopters" division has absorbed the activities of AgustaWestland; the "Aircraft" division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the "Aero-structures" division has absorbed part of the activities of Alenia Aermacchi; the "Airborne & Space Systems" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Land & Naval Defence Electronics" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Security & Information Systems" division has absorbed part of the activities of Selex ES; the "Defence Systems" division has absorbed the activities of OTO Melara and WASS.

About Ornge

A vital part of Ontario's health care system, Ornge provides high quality air ambulance service and medical transport to people who are critically ill or injured. Ornge serves more than 13 million people over one million square kilometres of land—the size of France, Spain and the Netherlands combined. Ornge has the largest air ambulance and critical care land ambulance fleet in Canada, and performs more than 18,000 patient-related transports per year.