

## **Leonardo: Pakistan strengthens helicopter fleet renewal with additional AW139s order**

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- **Further AW139s for utility, SAR and EMS with deliveries starting in early 2018**
- **The AW139 proves the preferred choice for a number of military and government customers around the world**
- **Bestseller helicopter with over 1000 units sold to more than 250 customers in over 70 nations and nearly 900 units in service to date**

**Rome, 28 March 2017** – Leonardo announced today that the Government of Pakistan has signed a new order for an undisclosed number of additional AgustaWestland AW139 intermediate twin engine helicopters. The aircraft will be used to perform utility, SAR (Search and Rescue) and EMS (Emergency Medical Service) operations across the nation. Deliveries are expected to start in early 2018.

The contract is a further step towards the completion of fleet renewal programmes spread over several batches plus logistic support and training. This event is a major achievement for Leonardo expanding the already successful presence of the AW139 model in the country. A fast growing fleet of AW139s is already in service in Pakistan, with several units operated by the Pakistan Government for relief and transport duties. The AW139 is the perfect fit to Pakistan's operational environment, delivering outstanding capabilities and hot&high performance unmatched by any other existing helicopter type in the same class.

### **Note to editors on the AW139 helicopter**

Pakistan is one of several nations who have chosen or are already operating the AW139 for a range of government roles including Italy, Ireland, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar to name a few. 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, even in hot and high operating conditions, making it ideally suited to operate in harsh high temperature and high altitude environments. The AW139 delivers significant power index margins in the most demanding conditions, demonstrated flights up to 20,000 ft, high cruise speed (165 kts), and is able to carry up to 15 passengers or a mix of dedicated mission equipment, litters and medical attendants in its spacious unobstructed cabin for patrol and rescue operations. Its modern, support-oriented design allows significant maintenance and operating cost savings through life cycle, ensuring high mission effectiveness and availability compared to older models. The advanced integrated cockpit minimises pilot workload, allowing the crew to concentrate on mission objectives. More than 250 customers from over 70 countries have ordered in excess of 1000 AW139 helicopters making it the best-selling helicopter in its class. The AW139 can perform a wide range of roles including government missions, EMS, SAR, executive/private and government transport. Almost 900 units are in service to date.