

Leonardo delivers first Italian Navy NH90 MTT tactical transport helicopter

- **First of ten naval tactical transport-configured aircraft for the Italian Navy**
- **The MTT variant adds to the NFH specialised NH90 combining tactical transport and maritime features to perform amphibious support and special forces operations**
- **Over 300 NH90s of all variants are in service with 17 customers in 13 nations to date**

Rome, 21 February 2017 – Leonardo delivered in January the first NH90 MTT (Maritime – Italian Navy Tactical Transport) helicopter to the Italian Navy. The aircraft was designated ‘MH-90’ by its operator. The handover was performed during an official ceremony held at Luni Naval Base in the presence of representatives and dignitaries from the Italian Navy and industry. Assembled, flight-tested and delivered on schedule from Leonardo’s Venice-Tessera plant, the aircraft is the first of ten MH-90s the Italian Navy will use for amphibious support and special forces operations. The MH-90 combines the main features of the type for land tactical transport duties, such as the rear ramp and mission equipment, together with the features of the naval NH90 such as optimised landing gear and dynamics for ship operations. The MTT variant will add to the NFH (Nato Frigate Helicopter) aircraft in service and on order by the Italian Navy for other specialised tasks of which 23 have been delivered to date. The result of the strong cooperation between the customer and industry, the delivery of the first MH-90 allows the Italian Navy to enhance its capabilities. The MH-90 is part of the Italian Navy’s modernization, plans to cope with the ever evolving range of mission requirements and operational scenarios by deploying the most advanced technology available today.

Note to editors on the NH90 helicopter

The NH90 is the optimal choice for modern operations thanks to its large full composite airframe, its excellent power to weight ratio, and its wide range of role equipment. It features a redundant fly-by-wire flight control system for reduced pilot workload and enhanced flight characteristics. Currently, 306 NH90s are operated by 17 Armed Forces of 13 nations and have exceeded 120,000 flight hours achieved in operation by the end users. Some of these aircraft are deployed operationally at sea and on land around the world. The NH90 is offered in two main variants: the TTH (Tactical Transport Helicopter) for land based operations and the NH90 NFH (Nato Frigate Helicopter) dedicated to naval operations. The Italian Navy’s MTT is the first naval utility NH90 combining land and maritime capabilities, adding to the previous standard TTH/NFH versions.

As of today, helicopters delivered in Naval and Tactical Transport variants are in service in Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Greece, Oman, Belgium, Australia, Spain and New Zealand. The twin-engine, medium-size NH90 helicopter programme is managed by the consortium NHIndustries, the Company owned by Leonardo (32%), Airbus Helicopters (62.5%), and GKN Aerospace’s Fokker business (5.5%).