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## **Finmeccanica: AgustaWestland signs a EUR 100 million contract with Milestone Aviation Group for eight helicopters**

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AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, signed a contract valued at approximately EUR 100 million with Milestone Aviation Group to supply five AW139 and three AW189 helicopters. The contract, signed at Heli-Expo, held in Los Angeles, California, is part of the companies framework agreement that, if fully executed, would amount to 44 helicopters to be delivered over the next four years.

The new order further strengthens the relationship with Milestone Aviation Group which has already taken delivery of 31 AgustaWestland helicopters, currently on lease to operators in Asia, Australia, Europe and America serving the offshore oil and gas, emergency medical service and search and rescue markets.

With this last contract, rises to EUR 360 million the value of the contracts signed by AgustaWestland at Heli Expo, the most important helicopter exhibition worldwide.

This contract further confirms the competitiveness of the AgustaWestland family of new generation helicopters (AW139, AW189 and AW169 models) on the global market and its success also among large fleet operators in helicopter leasing.

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**Finmeccanica** is Italy's main industrial group, leader in the high technology field, and ranks among the top ten groups at world level in the Aerospace, Defence and Security sectors. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (FNC IM; SIFI.MI), with revenues of approximately 17 billion Euro, over 68,000 employees, 150 operating and commercial locations and 345 production facilities in 50 different countries world-wide, Finmeccanica is an international and multicultural group with an important presence in its four domestic markets: Italy, United Kingdom, the United States and Poland. Finmeccanica's success is based on its technological excellence, which springs from conspicuous investments in Research & Development (amounting to 12% of the revenues), and the constant efforts it makes to develop and integrate the skills, know-how and values of its operating companies. Finmeccanica is active in the following sectors: Helicopters (AgustaWestland), Defence Electronics and Security (Selex ES, DRS) and Aeronautics (Alenia Aermacchi) – which represent its core business – and it is also well positioned in the sectors of Space (Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space), Defence Systems (Oto Melara, WASS, MBDA) and Transportation (Ansaldo STS, AnsaldoBreda, BredaMenarinibus).