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## **First Corporate Configured GrandNew To Be Delivered in North America Makes Its Heli-Expo Debut**

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, is pleased to announce that the first GrandNew to be delivered to a Canadian customer and the first corporate configured GrandNew to be delivered in North America is making its debut at Heli-Expo 2013, being held at the Las Vegas Convention Center from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> March..

Bob Brant, AgustaWestland Philadelphia's VP Sales & Marketing, added "We are delighted to see the GrandNew make its debut in Canada as it marks an important first for the type in North America, a market where we see strong prospects for the GrandNew in the corporate and EMS markets. We are also delighted that corporate customers are selecting the GrandNew to meet their transportation requirements recognising its unmatched performance and advanced avionics systems that deliver improved safety and mission capability."

The GrandNew is a new generation evolution of the proven Grand platform, with a new digital glass-cockpit and a composite material fuselage. A Synthetic Vision EFIS and a new 4-axis digital duplex autopilot provide the pilots with advanced situational awareness and flight management capabilities never achieved before with a light twin class helicopter. Designed using the latest technology, the GrandNew offers high performance capabilities and a large cabin for five or six passengers as well as a large separate baggage compartment.

The GrandNew is the first type certified light twin (CS/JAR/FAR 27) to enter service with a new EFIS featuring Synthetic Vision. The EVS-1500 Enhanced Vision System (EVS) which provides a supplemental enhanced view of the outside world uses an infrared (IR) sensor to provide an additional visual aid and is particularly effective at night, in smoke, haze, rain, snow and fog.

Orders for almost 320 helicopters from the Grand series have been placed by nearly 200 customers in almost 40 countries worldwide, to perform many tasks including VIP/corporate and passenger transport, EMS, SAR, electronic newsgathering, law enforcement, harbour pilot shuttle, maritime patrol and water pollution monitoring.

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