

Leonardo-Finmeccanica confirms certification activities of the AW609 on track as the first prototype lands at the Company's Philadelphia facility

- **AW609 flying prototype relocated to Philadelphia after recent resumption of flights**
- **Company facilities in Italy, the United Kingdom and Poland will continue to play critical production roles**
- **Leonardo-Finmeccanica confirms certification on track for 2018**

Rome, 11 August 2016 – Leonardo-Finmeccanica announced today that the first flying AW609 prototype has arrived in Philadelphia following a recent resumption of flight testing.

Departing from Arlington, Texas, the aircraft's flight plan included an overnight stop in Huntsville, Ala, before arriving in Philadelphia on Wednesday, August 10.

With industrialization underway, Leonardo-Finmeccanica has expanded the AW609 TiltRotor program to include the company's Philadelphia facility. The involvement of the Philadelphia site in the AW609 program represents the anticipated progression towards assembly and certification with the FAA as the certification authority. Facilities in the Italy, UK and Poland continue to play critical production roles.

While this flying prototype will soon be relocated to Italy, flight testing activities in Philadelphia will continue upon the arrival of an AW609 recently assembled and ground tested in Italy. Another AW609 is being assembled in Philadelphia with plans to enter the test fleet in 2017.

Certification of the first commercial tiltrotor is expected in 2018, with deliveries to customers to follow.

Note to editors on the AW609 TiltRotor

The unique flight characteristics of the AW609 combine the benefits of a helicopter and a fixed-wing aircraft into one aircraft. Flying above adverse weather conditions with up to nine people in comfort or a combination of stretchers and medical attendants in a pressurized cabin with turboprop-like speed and performance, the AW609 represents the next generation of aircraft transport. With agreements for nearly 60 units from customers around the world, including the intention of the UAE Joint Aviation Command to take delivery of three aircraft, the AW609 is capable of diverse missions, including patrol and search and rescue, offshore transport, executive/private transport and homeland security roles. Development agreements are in place with Bristow Group and Era Group, for offshore and EMS variants, respectively.

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.

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