

Leonardo-Finmeccanica and the Algerian Ministry of National Defence to establish a joint company to manufacture helicopters

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- **The joint company will also provide after-sales services including repair and overhaul, training and the development of high technology capabilities in fields of aeronautical material production**

**Rome, 09 September 2016** – Leonardo-Finmeccanica announced today that an industrial and trade partnership agreement was signed with the Algerian Ministry of National Defence on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The agreement foresees the establishment of a joint company to produce light and medium weight category helicopters at an industrial site in Aïn Arnat. After the completion of the facility and during the early years of activity, the joint company aims to manufacture three different AgustaWestland helicopter types for various uses including transport, medical evacuation, surveillance and control.

The joint company will also benefit from a local and international distribution network and after-sales services including a range of repair and overhaul capabilities and training solutions for the Algerian Ministry of National Defence and other customers. The industrial programme will also support the development of high technology capabilities in the field of aeronautical material production.