

## **Leonardo-Finmeccanica: Life Flight Network of US orders two additional AW119Kx helicopters**

- **Fleet will be comprised of 21 AW119Kx helicopters by year-end**
- **Life Flight Network has just reached 20,000 hours in its AW119Kx fleet**
- **Over 115 AgustaWestland EMS helicopters now in service across North America**

Rome, 23 November 2016 – Leonardo-Finmeccanica announced today that EMS operator Life Flight Network of the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West United States has ordered two additional AgustaWestland AW119Kx aircraft. Totalling nineteen aircraft today, customer's fleet of AW119Kx helicopters will increase to 21 by the end of the year. Leonardo Helicopters and Life Flight Network also celebrated 20,000 hours reached by operator's AW119Kx EMS fleet and the occasion was marked with the presentation of a plaque congratulating Life Flight Network on the milestone, which was achieved within three years of the first deliveries.

"We are proud of the partnership with Leonardo-Finmeccanica and look forward to operating additional AW119Kx helicopters as we continue to grow," stated Michael Griffiths, CEO of Life Flight Network. He adds, "The AW119Kx is an excellent helicopter for the environment we operate in and provides clinicians with full body access to the most critical patients."

Life Flight Network was the launch customer for the glass-cockpit outfitted AW119Kx, a feature that has contributed to the strength and success of the aircraft in all market segments. Their AW119Kx helicopters are NVG-capable and feature a state-of-the-art medical interior. Customer's fleet also includes one AW109 Power. Life Flight Network contributes to Leonardo Helicopters' expanding presence in the North American EMS market, which now totals 115 across a fleet of AW119s, AW109s, and AW139s.

### **Note to editors on the AW119Kx helicopter**

The AW119Kx offers high performance, large cabin and redundancy of main systems to ensure high safety standards. It also features a new avionics system with enhanced benefits for navigation and mission. This latest variant of the proven AW119 found significant success in the United States, Brazil, Chile and Australia to name few nations. Over 250 AW119 helicopters have been ordered to date in more than 30 countries by over 100 customers. The new AW119Kx is perfectly suited to perform many roles, including EMS, VIP/corporate transport, utility, fire-fighting, law enforcement, and government duties.

#### **Note**

Following the process of the reorganisation of the **Leonardo-Finmeccanica** Group's companies, it should be noted that from January 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**Note to editors on Life Flight Network**

Life Flight Network, the largest not-for-profit air ambulance program in the United States, has 22 helicopters bases, six fixed-wing bases, and several ground ambulances throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Life Flight Network has administrative offices in Aurora, Oregon and employs approximately 600 people. For more information about Life Flight Network visit [www.lifeflight.org](http://www.lifeflight.org).