



## **CAE-Líder joint venture strengthen its training partnership with Leonardo**

**Dallas, Texas, USA, March 9, 2017** (NYSE: CAE; TSX: CAE) – CAE-Líder, the joint venture between CAE and Líder Aviação, and Leonardo announced today at the 2017 Heli Expo the signature of an agreement to designate CAE-Líder as the Recognised Flight Simulation Centre (RFSC) for the delivery of OEM quality AgustaWestland AW139 flight simulator hours supporting training in South America.

The recently deployed AW139 full-flight simulator (FFS), jointly developed by CAE and Leonardo Helicopters, has been qualified to Level D, the highest qualification for flight simulators by the Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) of Brazil. The CAE 3000 Series FFS has been ready for training since Fall 2016, supporting initial, recurrent and offshore oil and gas training for AW139 pilots in São Paulo, Brazil and throughout South America.

“We are proud to designate CAE-Líder as the regional flight simulation centre supporting the delivery of AW139 training in this significant market, said Daniele Romiti, Managing Director, Leonardo Helicopters. This agreement marks another evolutionary step forward in the growth and development of Leonardo’s global helicopter training network, as well as our commitment to supporting our customers as close as possible to the point of operations.”

“It is an honor to build on our training partnership with Leonardo and for our flight simulation training centre to receive Leonardo’s approval, bringing the first high-fidelity AW139 training solution to the South American market,” said Nick Leontidis, CAE’s Group President, Civil Aviation Training Solutions. “This approval reaffirms our dedication to provide high-quality training to our partners.”

“We are delighted to be part of this partnership, reinforcing our investment in providing high-quality and safety mission-specific training to both our pilots and customers in the region,” said Eduardo Vaz, Líder Aviação CEO.

This arrangement also includes a very close working relationship including courseware and training standards with Leonardo’s flagship A Marchetti Training Academy in Italy, which will support the approval process of the RFSC, and Leonardo Helicopters Support Centre in Brazil who collaborates with CAE-Líder operationally.

### **About Leonardo**

Leonardo is among the top ten global players in Aerospace, Defence and Security and Italy’s main industrial company. As a single entity from January 2016, organised into seven business divisions (Helicopters; Aircraft; Aero-structures; Airborne & Space Systems; Land & Naval Defence Electronics; Defence Systems; Security & Information Systems), Leonardo operates in the most competitive international markets by leveraging its areas of technology and product leadership. Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), at 31 December 2015 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of 13 billion Euros and has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the UK and the U.S.

### **About Líder Aviação**

Líder Aviação is an aviation company involved in helicopter operations, executive chartering, aircraft management, maintenance, aircraft sales as the exclusive Beechcraft and Bombardier dealer for Brazil, and ground handling services. It offers helicopter services for the oil and gas industry, as well as performing onshore operations and load transportation; as well as fuel pipe and transmission line

checking services. The company provides jet and turboprop airplanes and helicopters for business chartering or air ambulance. It also offers aircraft maintenance services for private companies, government bodies, and civil and military agencies. In addition, the company provides aeronautical insurance products, business aviation training, and maintenance services. Lider Aviação was founded in 1958 and is present all over the country. [www.lideraviacao.com.br](http://www.lideraviacao.com.br)

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