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## Koçoğlu Aviation To Operate Six AW109 Powers

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, is pleased to announce that Koçoğlu Aviation of Turkey will operate a batch of six emergency medical service-configured AW109 Power light twin helicopters. The first aircraft is already in service and five more will be in service by September 2009. These aircraft will be used to perform EMS missions for the Ministry of Health of Turkey from various bases throughout Turkey. The company has options for additional units.

Koçoğlu Aviation has been awarded a contract by Turkish Ministry of Health to provide EMS helicopters as well as doctors and paramedics, for a sun-up / sun-down service. The AW109 Power has been selected following a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process for the supply of a new EMS helicopter to serve the community. The choice of the AW109 Power further strengthens AgustaWestland's role in the Turkish commercial helicopter market and expands the presence of its EMS helicopters in Turkey.

AgustaWestland is also pleased to announce that Sky Line, a Koçoğlu Holding company, has been appointed as AgustaWestland Service Centre for the AW109 Power and Grand models in Turkey. Sky Line will offer on-site support services to Koçoğlu Aviation's fleet and to other AW109 Power and Grand operators in Turkey and Northern Cyprus. The main maintenance centre is located at Ankara Airport with line maintenance hangars available in other cities.

The AW109 Power is a highly versatile twin engine helicopter and offers the highest levels of performance with low operating costs. The AW109 Power EMS combines the finest patient care environment with an airframe exceeding today's requirements. The AW109 Power EMS has been making an outstanding contribution to the communities they serve, setting a new standard in the aeromedical sector in its class. More than 470 helicopters have been ordered for both civil and paramilitary purposes from customers in almost 50 countries. The AW109 Power range of roles also includes VIP/corporate, law enforcement, maritime applications, harbour pilot shuttle and training.

Koçoğlu Aviation is part of Koçoğlu Holding which is involved in several sectors including construction, tourism, energy, agriculture, transportation and recently in aviation. Established in 2005, Koçoğlu Aviation currently owns the largest commercial helicopter fleet in Turkey, offering EMS services, VIP transport and air cargo. Koçoğlu Aviation has 19 heliports, 19 hangars and maintenance facilities with more than 250 employees following an investment of around 100 million Euro so far. Sky Line, fully owned by Koçoğlu, is an authorized JAR 145 organization for repair and maintenance services.

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