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Bel Air Takes Delivery Of Its First AW139 Helicopter

AgustaWestland, a Finmeccanica company, is pleased to announce that Bel Air of Denmark has taken delivery of the first of several AW139 medium twin turbine helicopters. This 12 seats configured aircraft will be used to perform offshore transport operations. These aircraft add to many AW139s ordered worldwide for offshore missions further expanding the success of this helicopter type on the related market. Over a 30% of the more than 430 AW139s purchased by over 110 customers in more than 40 countries are configured for offshore operations.

The AW139 is a new generation medium twin-turbine helicopter setting new standards in the medium twin market. The AW139 is also the fastest helicopter in its class with a maximum cruise speed of 167 knots and the only medium twin engine helicopter in production that meets the latest certification standards for safety. The AW139 has quickly become the aircraft of choice for offshore oil and gas support operations offering unparalleled features in its class in terms of performance, capacity and safety.

Susanne H. Lastein, the managing director of Bel Air, said "The Bel Air team decided to buy AW139 helicopters after a very meticulous comparison between all offshore helicopters in the medium weight class. The AW139 is the perfect type for Bel Air to expand its operations into the offshore market and to provide our customers with the service they require."

Excellent payload and performance ensure unmatched productivity for offshore operations. Designed with multi-role capability and flexibility of operation, the AW139 is capable of carrying up to 15 passengers at the highest speed, in the most spacious cabin and with the best power reserve of any other helicopter in its class. The AW139 can be used for a number of applications including offshore transport, EMS/SAR, executive/VIP transport, law enforcement and government roles.

Bel Air was established in 1994 and is now a leading Danish helicopter company providing various helicopter services also including offshore transport and training.

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