

Airbus Helicopters opens new Training Academy in Donauwörth

- New training facility for future pilots and aircraft technicians adjacent to the production site in Donauwörth
- Wide range of training offers reinforces the company's global customer support and services commitment

Donauwörth, Germany, 23 June, 2015 – The newly-built Airbus Helicopters Training Academy that opened today in Germany marks the latest enhancement of the company's support and services network, providing instructional courses for pilots and technicians.

By expanding the educational capacities in Donauwörth, Airbus Helicopters conforms to its own high standards of quality and safety, insuring the training of capable and qualified personnel to operate and maintain its rotorcraft.

Located next to Airbus Helicopters' product development and production facility in Donauwörth, the Training Academy has two full-flight simulators for the product family of the H135 and the H145 rotorcraft, along with full scale Maintenance Training Devices that provide technicians hands-on experience in the maintenance, repair and inspection of these two aircraft types.

"The new Training Academy in Donauwörth underlines the company's strategy to provide the best support and services for customers to carry out their demanding missions," said Dr. Wolfgang Schoder, CEO of Airbus Helicopters Germany. "It is part of a global network that encompasses 26 training facilities worldwide, and includes 22 simulators."

Succeeding the previous academy – which was situated on the grounds of Airbus Helicopters' Donauwörth industrial site, training some 800 technicians and 300 pilots annually – the new center provides expanded capabilities and easier accessibility with its independent location.

In addition to the two flight simulators and six Maintenance Training Devices for these helicopters, the newly-built academy has 19 classrooms, multiple workshops and a dedicated canteen for customers. Capacity exists for future expansion, including the ability to install another flight simulator and two more Maintenance Training Devices.

The Training Academy, being certified according to EASA PART FCL and EASA PART 147, continues to offer training services for the full German aircraft range at the highest quality for AIRBUS' worldwide customers.

About Airbus Helicopters (www.airbushelicopters.com)

Airbus Helicopters is a division of Airbus Group. The company provides the most efficient civil and military helicopter solutions to its customers who serve, protect, save lives and safely carry passengers in highly demanding environments. Flying more than 3 million flight hours per year, the company's in-service fleet includes some 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in 152 countries. Airbus Helicopters employs more than 23,000 people worldwide and in 2014 generated revenues of 6.5 billion Euros. In line with the company's new identity, fully integrated into Airbus Group, Airbus Helicopters has renamed its product range replacing the former "EC" designation with an "H".

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