

Helitech International

## **Airbus Helicopters and Priority 1 Air Rescue bring their training cooperation to Helitech International**

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 15 October, 2014 – The teaming of Airbus Helicopters and Priority 1 Air Rescue for search and rescue (SAR) mission training is being highlighted by the two companies' joint presence at the Helitech International exposition and conference in Amsterdam.

With courses for both pilots and crew, this mission training combines the full resources of Airbus Helicopters as one of the world's leading rotorcraft manufacturers with the emergency response instruction capabilities of Priority 1 Air Rescue, a leader as well in its domain.

"Ensuring the highest levels safety for operators is an essential element of Airbus Helicopter's support and services strategy," explained Hervé Berriet, General Manager of the Airbus Helicopters Training Center. "By joining with Priority 1 Air Rescue, we are providing world-class SAR training across the full range of missions flown by our operators – wherever they may be in the world."

Courses offered include SAR mission planning, hoist operation, flood/swift water rescue, mission mountain/vertical surface cliff rescue, maritime boat/vessel rescue, basic mission fast-rope, basic mission rappelling/abseiling, air medical evacuation, and basic utility external load operations/ aerial firefighting missions.

"Our teaming with Airbus Helicopters ensures that customers receive instruction of the highest quality, adapted to their specific needs," said Brad Matheson, the President of Priority 1 Air Rescue.

Representatives from Priority 1 Air Rescue and Airbus Helicopters Training Services will be present during the Helitech International exposition this week (Amsterdam's RAI exhibit center, Stand #J60, Hall 8), for briefings on their joint training offering.

### **About Priority 1 Air Rescue**

Priority 1 Air Rescue (P1AR) is solely focused on Search and Rescue (SAR) and Tactical rotorcraft mission support. Training programs are CAA compliant and approved, and include all aspects of ground instruction, virtual SAR/aerial gunnery simulation, tower, and flight practice for aircrews involved in SAR operations, Tactical law enforcement, and helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) missions. Mission training programs have been successfully delivered for over 15 years and employed in real-world situations to more than 3,500 students around the globe.

### **About Airbus Helicopters**

Airbus Helicopters, formerly Eurocopter, is a division of Airbus Group, a global pioneer in aerospace and defense related services. Airbus Helicopters is the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer and employs more than 23,000 people worldwide. With 46 percent market share in civil and parapublic sectors, the company's fleet in service includes some 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in approximately 150 countries. Airbus Helicopters'

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international presence is marked by its customer centers and participations in 21 countries, and its worldwide network of service centers, training facilities, distributors and certified agents. Airbus Helicopters' range of civil and military helicopters is the world's largest; its aircraft account for one third of the worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. The company's chief priority is to ensure the safe operation of its aircraft for the thousands of people who fly more than 3 million hours per year.

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