

Eurocopter to extend its global industrial network with a new production facility at Querétaro, Mexico

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Eurocopter will create a new industrial facility in Querétaro, Mexico to support its global production network, further reinforcing the company's manufacturing capabilities while also augmenting its presence in the Latin American marketplace.

This selection results from a comprehensive study to determine the optimum location for this latest production facility in Eurocopter's international industrial network, with the choice based on Querétaro's economic, geographic, educational and strategic position.

Eurocopter has been present in Mexico for some 30 years, with its activities managed by the company's Eurocopter de Mexico S.A. de C.V. subsidiary. Based at Mexico City International Airport and staffed by nearly 200 employees, Eurocopter de Mexico provides services for helicopters located in the region, along with sales and marketing support. In addition to its Mexican market responsibilities, the company's coverage area also includes Central America, northern South America and the Caribbean.

The capabilities of Eurocopter de Mexico include aircraft assembly, maintenance and painting, along with professional training for helicopter pilots and technicians through partnership agreements with educational institutions such as the National Polytechnic Institute (IPN), Mexico's National Technical Professional School (CONALEP), the country's Pilot Training Academy and Heliescuela.

About Eurocopter

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter group is a division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace, defense and related services. The Eurocopter group employs approximately 15,600 people. In 2010, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer in the civil and parapublic market, with a turnover of 4.8 billion euros; orders for 346 new helicopters; and a 49 percent market share in the civil and parapublic sectors. Overall, the group's products account for 33 percent of the total world civil and parapublic helicopter fleet. Its strong worldwide presence is ensured by its 27 subsidiaries and participations on five continents, along with a dense network of distributors, certified agents and maintenance centers. There are 11,200 Eurocopter helicopters currently in service with nearly 2,900 customers in 147 countries. Eurocopter offers the largest civil and military helicopter range in the world.

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