

## **Eurocopter reinforces its maintenance, support and commercial presence in the Middle East and Asia**

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**New agreements announced during this week's Dubai Airshow further enhance Eurocopter's Middle East and Asia footprint, creating a cooperative maintenance program for Royal Jordanian Air Force AS 332 M1 Super Pumas, establishing customer support services for helicopters with the United Arab Emirates' Armed Forces, and marking the sale of a corporate EC130 B4 to Pakistan.**

The maintenance contract with Jordan covers G-level major inspection for 10 Royal Jordanian Air Force Super Puma AS 332 M1s, which is performed every 12 years.

This major agreement represents a new step in the longstanding relationship between the Royal Jordanian Air Force and Eurocopter, and involves a cooperative training and work-sharing arrangement. The initial three helicopters will be inspected by Eurocopter, which is to provide associated on-the-job training that will enable the Royal Jordanian Air Force to perform G-level checks on the remaining seven Super Pumas in Jordan.

Jordan has operated Eurocopter helicopters for more than 30 years. In addition to the AS332 Super Pumas – which are used for troop transport and search & rescue, the Royal Jordanian Air Force's current Eurocopter fleet also includes AS350s for pilot training and VIP airlift, along with EC635s for multi-mission duties. In addition, the Jordan Public Security Air Wing operates EC635s and BO105s.

Eurocopter's agreement announced at the Dubai Airshow with Global Aerospace Logistics, LLC (GAL) marks another element in its strategy of local presence, providing customer support services to further strengthen Eurocopter's profile in the United Arab Emirates and enhancing the company's capability to serve the UAE Armed Forces.

GAL is an Abu Dhabi-based supplier of professional aerospace services in the UAE, and the new agreement with Eurocopter establishes it as a provider of routine customer support services for the UAE Navy and UAE Presidential Guard Command – including new spare parts, repairs, training and technical publications.

During the past several years, GAL has been providing daily operational and intermediate aviation maintenance at a highly professional level for Eurocopter helicopters flown by both the UAE Navy and UAE Presidential Guard Command.

“By joining forces, Eurocopter and GAL will meet the daily operational needs of the UAE Navy and UAE Presidential Guard Command, ensuring proficient fleet maintenance of the Ecureuil, Fennec, Dauphin, Panther and Super Puma helicopters operated in the Emirates,” said further Xavier Hay, the Eurocopter Vice-President for Middle East and Africa. “This partnership confirms Eurocopter's dedication to enhancing its local UAE



presence in serving all governmental and civil operators of its helicopters, and we welcome GAL to our network of customer support services providers.”

The sales agreement signed during the Dubai Airshow involves one EC130 B4 in a corporate configuration for Pakistan’s Princely Jets, which is to be delivered in June 2012. Also covered in the accord is Eurocopter’s provision of spares and services for this rotary-wing aircraft.

### **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 17,500 people. In 2010, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world’s number one 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 helicopters account for 33 percent of the total worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. Eurocopter’s strong worldwide presence is ensured by its 30 subsidiaries and participations on five continents, along with a dense network of distributors, certified agents and maintenance centers. There are currently 11,200 Eurocopter helicopters in service and some 2,900 customers in 147 countries. Eurocopter offers the largest civil and military helicopter range in the world.

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