

Eurocopter to supply four EC145 T2 helicopters for Scandinavian Air Ambulance's emergency medical airlift missions

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Scandinavian Air Ambulance is acquiring four Eurocopter EC145 T2 helicopters for emergency medical transportation services in the north of Finland, with these rotary-wing aircraft performing demanding day/night operations over land and water in temperatures ranging from - 45°C to +35°C.

The newly-ordered helicopters are to be flown from three northern bases – Oulu, Kuopio and one Laplan location in Rovaniemi – using the EC145 T2's performance, lift and range capabilities for emergency air ambulance flights and inter-hospital transportation of patients. These operations will be performed in the framework of a medical helicopter service contract awarded last week to Scandinavian Air Ambulance by FinnHEMS (Finnish Authority in charge of EMS Service by Helicopters) .

“Scandinavian Air Ambulance is one of Scandinavia's largest air ambulance companies, and its choice of the EC145 T2 is a strong endorsement for this variant of the Eurocopter's modern helicopter product line,” said Jacques Cardaillac, the Sales Director of Northern Europe at Eurocopter.

The order was signed today at the Heli-Expo 2012 exhibition in Dallas, Texas. Eurocopter unveiled the evolved version of its popular twin-engine EC145 at last year's Heli-Expo event, with the helicopter incorporating the company's Fenestron shrouded tail rotor, new Arriel 2E engines with dual channel FADEC, upgraded main and tail rotor gear boxes, and an innovative new digital avionics suite together with a 4-axis autopilot.

“Eurocopter's development of the evolved EC145 T2 provides a helicopter system that meets our needs in a very challenging operational environment,” explained Dick Lindholm, the President of Scandinavian Air Ambulance – Finland. “We look forward to receiving the EC145 T2s beginning in 2014, which will join our Eurocopter fleet that already consists of EC135s and EC145s, along with AS365 helicopters.”

The Swedish company began operations in 2001 with helicopter bases in Stockholm and Östersund, subsequently expanding across the country using both rotary-wing and fixed-wing aircraft at the service of Swedish health care authorities and county councils. Further growth occurred in December 2010 when it took over helicopter activity in Finland.

About Eurocopter

Established in 1992, the Franco-German-Spanish Eurocopter Group is a division of EADS, a world leader in aerospace and defense-related services. The Eurocopter Group employs approximately 20,000 people. In 2011, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's number one helicopter manufacturer with a turnover of 5.4 billion Euros, orders for 457 new helicopters and a 43 percent market share in the civil and parapublic sectors. Overall, the Group's



helicopters account for 33 percent of the worldwide civil and parapublic fleet. Eurocopter's strong international presence is ensured by its subsidiaries and participations in 21 countries. Eurocopter's worldwide network of service centers, training facilities, distributors and certified agents supports some 2,900 customers. There are currently more than 11,300 Eurocopter helicopters in service in 149 countries. Eurocopter offers the most comprehensive civil and military helicopter range in the world and is fully committed to safety as the most important aspect of its business.

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