

Meravo will operate Germany's first Eurocopter EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style

Donauwörth, Germany, December 20, 2012

Eurocopter's EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style helicopter will soon fly over Germany: Meravo, one of the country's most experienced commercial helicopter operators, ordered one of the elegant high-end aircraft in order to enhance its corporate and charter services.

The new EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style will join Meravo's fleet of 25 helicopters, which already includes the proven Eurocopter EC120, AS350, AS355 and EC145, in summer 2013. Meravo performs a broad range of helicopter missions, such as business and shuttle flights as well as aerial work operations.

"We are looking forward to receiving this exquisite helicopter, which is tailored to fulfill the high expectations of business and private travelers," said Bernd Hauber, CEO of Meravo. "We will offer charter and corporate flights for up to eight passengers in the EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style from our main base in southern Germany and other heliports. I am sure, our customers will appreciate its elegant style and comfort."

The EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style offers flexible and confortable transportation solutions. Created in a styling project led by the Mercedes-Benz Advanced Design Studio in Como, Italy, the interior of the aircraft is inspired by the automaker's range of high-end vehicles. It features deluxe materials, elegant woods and ambient cabin lighting, along with multi-function storage areas.

Thanks to its versatile cabin design, the EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style is also tailored to a broad range of travel solutions for up to eight passengers: from executive transportation and family voyages to leisure and sport trips. All seats are mounted on rails and can therefore be easily reconfigured in order to offer multiple passenger seating arrangements or even removed to provide additional luggage room.

"With the EC145 Mercedes-Benz Style, a new silver star will appear in the German business aviation market," highlighted Thomas Hein, Eurocopter Vice President of Customer Relations Europe. "We are delighted to provide our longstanding customer Meravo with this unique aircraft and we are confident that it will contribute to their successful operations in the future."

With more than 500 aircraft in service worldwide, the EC145 is the helicopter of choice in the medium-size twin-engine category. It is used in a wide range of missions, including emergency medical services, police and public services, business and VIP transportation, along with offshore missions and a growing deployment for the maintenance of wind turbine fields.

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





Communiqué de Presse - Presse Information - Press Release - Comunicado de Prensa



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.

For more information, please contact:

Stéphane Chéry Tel: + 33 (0)4 42 85 60 51 Mob: + 33 (0)6 23 93 71 23 stephane.chery@eurocopter.com Christoph Mueller
Tel: + 49 (0)906 71 5739
Mob: + 49 (0) 151 1712 6318
christoph.mueller@eurocopter.com

Website: <u>www.eurocopter.com</u>



