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## 50,000 trainees in 50 years: Airbus Helicopters Training Services reaffirms its commitment to safety

Marignane, France, 2 December 2014 – Airbus Helicopters Training Services (AHTS) has completed the instruction of its 50,000<sup>th</sup> trainee, marking a new achievement for this wholly-owned subsidiary of Airbus Helicopters.

This milestone was achieved during an EC225 rotorcraft T1 type rating course for mechanics, and the accomplishment was celebrated during a ceremony at Airbus Helicopters Training Services' facilities in Marignane, France, in the presence of Hervé Berriet, General Manager of the Airbus Helicopters Training Center and Matthieu Louvot, Airbus Helicopters Vice President Support & Services.

During the ceremony, Mr. Berriet recognized the teams from Era Helicopters and the Chinese State Grid General Aviation Company (SGGAC) who participated in the milestone training course.

“Our instructor and manager at AHTS cared a lot about us, and thanks to them we learned a lot of useful information about the EC225,” said Zengbo Guo, mechanic at the Chinese State Grid General Aviation Company (SGGAC). “It was an honor and a surprise to be a part of this 50,000<sup>th</sup> trainee celebration.”

“Safety is the number one factor in our work and this was a major focus in our course, where we were shown the proper way to use the manuals and implement procedures,” explained Yann Nervesa, EC225 Delegated Inspector at ERA Helicopters. “We are very proud to be a part of this great milestone with Airbus Helicopters.”

Airbus Helicopters Training Services provides high-quality instruction for pilots and maintenance technicians (mechanics & avionics). Its certified courses utilize the latest multimedia training means and technical documentation; while the team of 82 instructors continuously innovates to keep pace with the changing regulatory environment, evolving technologies and developing mission requirements worldwide.

“Our values during our five decades of service have never wavered: safety as the most important priority, quality and training innovation, enabling the most efficient and cost effective operations for our customers,” explained Mr. Berriet.

Resources available at the training center in southeastern France include 32 fully-equipped instruction classrooms, cockpit trainers and full-scale maintenance training helicopters, which are hydraulically and electrically powered or the Airbus Helicopters rotorcraft product line and autopilot functional test benches. Finally, Airbus Helicopters Training Services also provides a comprehensive and realistic training on Flight Navigation Procedures Trainers (FNPT) for the EC175 and AS350.

“Airbus Helicopters supports the diverse training needs of its customers through a proximity network of 25 training centers around the world,” said Mr. Louvot. “AHTS is the front runner of this network and the outstanding quality of its training has drawn 50,000 trainees – and counting – to its facilities, supporting Airbus Helicopters' commitment to the safety of its customers.”

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