

Eurocopter reinforces its Gulf of Mexico presence: Apoyo Logístico Aéreo orders another EC135 helicopter for off-shore oil and gas missions

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Mexican operator Apoyo Logístico Aéreo will expand its fleet of EC135s for operations to off-shore oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, ordering a third helicopter for its all-Eurocopter inventory of light twin-engine rotorcraft.

The newly-ordered EC135 will be delivered this November, joining Apoyo Logístico Aéreo's current two helicopters – which have performed more than 6,500 missions since 2007, carrying over 46,000 passengers while logging some 7,500 flight hours at a 98.9 percent reliability.

“Eurocopter and Apoyo Logístico Aéreo both share the same values: anticipate market needs, excel in operational service, and reach high levels of customer satisfaction – all while attaining top standards in quality and safety, with the most optimized costs,” said Serge Durand, CEO of Eurocopter de Mexico, the regional Eurocopter subsidiary.

This latest order was announced today at the Heli-Expo show in Las Vegas, and further strengthens Eurocopter's presence for oil and gas helicopter services in the Latin American market, where more than 100 of the company's rotorcraft currently are in operation.

Eurocopter's EC135 is a helicopter of reference in the light twin-engine rotorcraft segment. With dual-engine safety and Eurocopter's modern technology, it offers excellent performance and high reliability, along with low operational and maintenance costs – tailoring the helicopter for medium-range airlift duties to off-shore platforms.

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 22,000 people. In 2012, Eurocopter confirmed its position as the world's No. 1 helicopter manufacturer with a turnover of 6.3 billion Euros, orders for 469 new helicopters and a 38 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 more than 2,900 customers. There are currently more than 11,780 Eurocopter helicopters in service in 148 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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