

Panama's Heliflight Maintenance Center is recognized for its first year of operations as a Eurocopter-certified maintenance facility

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Heliflight Maintenance Center's first year of operations as a Eurocopter-certified maintenance operation in Panama was marked today during a ceremony held at the Heli-Expo 2012 exhibition in Dallas, Texas.

Located at Albrook Airport on the Panama Canal Zone, Heliflight Maintenance Center was the first such facility certified in Central America by the Eurocopter de Mexico subsidiary of Eurocopter.

"At Eurocopter, we put the priority on ensuring the best maintenance resources are available for operators in their local regions, and Heliflight Maintenance Center has become an important element of our network and fleet safety reinforcement in Central America," said Serge Durand, the CEO of Eurocopter de Mexico.

The Heliflight Maintenance Center is specialized in the AS350 B3 and EC120-series helicopters, which are Eurocopter's two product line members that represent the majority of rotary-wing aircraft fleets in Central America – performing executive transport, trade and other missions.

"We appreciate today's recognition by Eurocopter, and our team is dedicated to providing the best support for its helicopters," added Fotys Lymberopulos, the CEO of Heliflight Panama

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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