

Eurocopter and AVIATORS lead the way in emergency medical services in India with a major contract for the EC135

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Marking a key milestone in India's development of modern heliborne resources to support lifesaving missions, AVIATORS Pvt Ltd signed today, in the presence of French President François Hollande, a firm order for an initial batch of seven Eurocopter EC135 aircraft for helicopter emergency medical services (HEMS) operations.

A second order is expected to be carried out later this year and rapid growth is anticipated in the HEMS market – as many as 50 helicopters are expected to be deployed throughout the country in the coming years.

With first deliveries planned to take place by late 2013, AVIATORS is establishing itself as a pioneering HEMS operator in India.

“As the EC135 is a global reference in helicopter emergency medical services, it is highly appropriate that AVIATORS will introduce such operations in India with these extremely capable helicopters,” explained Norbert Ducrot, Eurocopter Senior Vice President for Asia Pacific.

The EC135 is operated worldwide for a broad range of missions, including HEMS, law enforcement, rescue operations and business aviation. Equipped with a Fenestron shrouded tail rotor and bearingless main rotor, the helicopter delivers excellent performance, range and payload capacity. Its large, unobstructed cabin, oversized sliding side doors and rear clamshell doors enable rapid loading/unloading of patients and equipment – even with the rotors turning – which facilitates operations during time-critical emergency medical missions.

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 44 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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