

Information on Airbus Activities

1.1 Presentation of the Company

The Tiger combat attack helicopter programme includes four variants based on the same airframe: the HAP (turreted gun, rockets and air-to-air missile); the UHT (antitank missile, air-to-air missile, axial gun and rockets); the ARH (antitank missile, turreted gun and rockets); and the HAD (antitank missile, air-to-air missile, turreted gun, rockets and upgraded avionics and engines) Overall in 2017, 17 Tigers were delivered, for a cumulative total of 171 deliveries by year-end. The Tiger fleet has accumulated more than 96,000 flight hours.

Airbus is also a major contractor to the US Army, having been chosen to supply the service's UH-72A Lakota helicopter. As of 1 January 2018, 430 aircraft had been delivered to the US Defense Department for operation by US Army and Army National Guard units, the Navy and foreign military sales buyers.

Customer Services

With more than 3,000 operators in over 150 countries, Airbus Helicopters has a large fleet of some 12,000 in-service rotorcraft to support. As a result, customer service activities to support this large fleet generated 44% of Airbus Helicopters' revenues for 2017 after the disposal of Vector Aerospace in November 2017.

Airbus Helicopters' customer service activities consist primarily of maintenance, repairs, spare parts supply, training and technical support. In order to provide efficient worldwide service, Airbus Helicopters has established an international network of subsidiaries, authorised distributors and service centres.

Production

Airbus Helicopters' industrial activities in Europe are conducted in four primary locations, two in France, one in Germany and one in Spain. The French sites are in Marignane, southern France and Paris-Le Bourget. The German site is located in Donauwörth, and the Spanish site is located in Albacete.

In the US, Airbus Helicopters, Inc. has two industrial sites: Grand Prairie, Texas and Columbus, Mississippi. Grand Prairie serves as the company's headquarters and main facility and also serves as the Airbus Helicopters Training facility for North America. The Columbus facility is dedicated to the assembly and delivery of the UH-72A Lakota and H125.

In Australia, Australian Aerospace assembles, upgrades and maintains NH90 and Tiger for the country's armed forces; while a rotary-wing centre of excellence in Helibras — Itajuba, Brazil produces, assembles and maintains H225M helicopters acquired by the Brazilian armed forces.

1.1.4 Defence and Space

Airbus Defence and Space develops and engineers cutting-edge products, systems and services in the field of defence and space, enabling governments, institutions and commercial customers to protect people and resources while staying connected to the world.

Airbus Defence and Space is organised in four Programme Lines: Military Aircraft; Space Systems; Communications, Intelligence & Security (CIS); and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), which are focusing on the following key activities respectively:

- Military Aircraft designs, develops, delivers and supports military aircraft. It is the leading fixed-wing military aircraft centre in Europe, and one of the market leaders for combat, mission, transport and tanker aircraft worldwide. Key products include the Eurofighter Typhoon, the A400M, the A330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) and the C295;
- Space Systems covers a broad range of civil and military space applications. Its satellite solutions for telecommunications, earth observation, navigation and science include spacecraft, ground segments and payloads. It also manufactures orbital and space exploration systems. Space transportation capabilities (comprising launchers and services) are offered via ArianeGroup, a 50/50 joint venture between Airbus and Safran;

- Communications, Intelligence & Security (CIS) includes four business clusters: Secure Communications, Intelligence, Cyber Security and Security Solutions. These clusters develop specific solutions for customers ranging from governments to small companies and commercial enterprises. In addition, CIS houses a dedicated unit for developing future applications for commercial markets, leveraging Airbus Defence and Space innovations, products and capabilities;
- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) develops, delivers and operates UAS and UAV solutions for airborne intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and combat missions. The commercial part of the UAS Programme Line, Airbus Aerial, delivers actionable data for different vertical markets, connectivity and cargo delivery services – fitting customer needs.

Strategy

The ambition of Airbus Defence and Space is to become the world's leading provider of smart aerospace and defence solutions. Following a comprehensive strategy review and update in 2016, Airbus Defence and Space is currently implementing a growth strategy based on strengthening its core product portfolio and expanding the services business, with a major emphasis on digitalisation ("Smarter Products – More Services – More Digital").