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German Federal Police strengthens Super Puma fleet with delivery of three H215s

These helicopters will join an existing fleet of 19 Super Pumas

Marignane, 14 December 2018 - The German Federal Police (Bundespolizei) has taken delivery of three heavy H215 helicopters, with a fourth to follow in June 2019. These twin-engine multi-role Super Pumas will enter operation at the beginning of 2020 supporting the Central Command for Maritime Emergencies (CCME), which oversees maritime missions off of Germany's coast.

"The H215's speed, long-distance performance and high availability rate in harsh conditions are well suited to meet the demanding needs of our maritime team," said Thomas Helbig, Head of the German Federal Police Air Support. "We've had a long and successful experience with the versatile Super Puma, and are eager to continue flying them with this new version, the H215, which comes with a state-of-the-art glass cockpit and 4-axis autopilot."

These aircraft will complement the German Federal Police's existing fleet of Airbus helicopters, which includes 42 H135 family helicopters, 19 Super Pumas (AS332 L1s), 19 H155s and 8 H120s.

"Our relationship with the German Federal Police dates back more than five decades to the Alouette II and has grown to include more than 90 Airbus Helicopters today," said Wolfgang Schoder, Airbus Helicopters' Executive Vice President Light Helicopters and Governmental Programmes. "We're pleased that Germany continues to place its trust in the Super Puma for its life-saving maritime and police missions."

The German Federal Police flies its aircraft 365 days a year while performing a wide range of missions such as border protection, railway network control, maritime protection and disaster response, VIP transport and emergency medical services, among others.

The H215 is a versatile and robust twin-engine helicopter that combines advanced avionics and a reliable platform for rugged multi-mission capabilities. Standard features include proven Makila 1A1 engines, the latest generation flight management system, and the most modern technologies. This includes a glass cockpit avionics system and the renowned 4-axis autopilot from Airbus Helicopters' H225 – which provides flight envelope protection, unrivalled precision and automatic hover stability in the harshest operating conditions.

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