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SAF expands fleet with an order for six light single and light twin helicopters

Amsterdam, 16th October 2018 – French Alps-based civil operator SAF Group has ordered six new Airbus' helicopters for emergency medical service (EMS) operations, mountain rescue, aerial work and passenger transport. The order includes three light single and three light twin helicopters to be operated in Metropolitan France and in the Reunion Island, where SAF has recently acquired Héliagon. Delivery of the six aircraft is planned for 2019.

"We are very proud of the long relationship we have with Airbus Helicopters, declared Tristan Serretta, CEO of SAF. "In such a rapidly evolving market, a close relationship with the manufacturer is crucial to guarantee the performance and profitability of our operations."

The new aircraft will further expand SAF Group's fleet of 44 Airbus' helicopters operating seven days a week for all types of civilian rescue and protection operations, alongside safety services. SAF's fleet is mainly composed of light singles and twins, including 24 helicopters of the H135 family type, making SAF one of the largest H135 commercial operator in France.

"I want to thank SAF for placing their trust once again in Airbus products", said Olivier Michalon, Senior Vice President, Head of Europe at Airbus Helicopters. "We are certain these new helicopters will meet SAF's stringent requirements for performance and reliability and will increase their capability to carry out critical missions."

About Airbus

Airbus is a global leader in aeronautics, space and related services. In 2017 it generated revenues of € 59 billion restated for IFRS 15 and employed a workforce of around 129,000. Airbus offers the most comprehensive range of passenger airliners from 100 to more than 600 seats. Airbus is also a European leader providing tanker, combat, transport and mission aircraft, as well as one of the world's leading space companies. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions worldwide.

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