

SAF Aerogroup signs HCare In-Service contract for fleet of five Super Puma helicopters

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Cologne, 8 November 2022 – SAF Aerogroup has signed via its subsidiary Aero Support Force an HCare In-Service support contract to cover their fleet of four H215 family helicopters and one H225 helicopter, operated by their subsidiaries Starlite Aviation and SAF International. The HCare In-Service package has been tailored to SAF Aerogroup's specific operational needs, providing them with parts availability by-the-hour services to optimise the fleet's maintenance and performance. SAF Aerogroup, again via its entity Aero Support Force, has also signed a second contract to retrofit 15 of its H125 helicopters with crash-resistant fuel system (CRFS). The fleet of H125s are operated by SAF Aerogroup's subsidiaries: SAF Hélicoptères and Helilagon.

"In order to deliver on our commitment to provide reliable aircraft services for any call to action - and at a competitive cost - it is fundamental that we have a global streamlined maintenance package that we can depend on and that meets our specific operational requirements," says Tiago Reis, CEO of Aero Support Force.

"Safety is one of our top priorities - and modernising our helicopter fleet with the safest technologies is in line with these values. Thanks to the CRFS kits, we will be able to retrofit our Ecureuil fleet at our own facilities with a limited amount of downtime," says Tristan Serretta, President of SAF Aerogroup.

"The new HCare offer has been designed with our customers' unique needs and operational environments in mind. The HCare In-Service package is tailored to provide SAF Aerogroup's entire Super Puma fleet with the optimal level of Part Availability Commitment in the form of a Part-By-the-Hour (PBH) solution in order to best meet their specific operational needs in one single contract," says Christoph Zammert, Executive Vice President of Customer Support & Services at Airbus Helicopters. "As our primary mission is to help our customers conduct their operations efficiently, safely, and cost-effectively, we're honoured to be able to help SAF Aerogroup carry out their essential missions."

SAF Aerogroup is an international company present in Europe, the Indian Ocean and Africa. Its entity Aero Support Force is a service centre which provides maintenance and support for all of SAF Aerogroup's operators. One of its subsidiaries, Starlite Aviation, operates the fleet of two Puma and Six Super Pumas for a wide array of missions including firefighting, medevac,

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and rescue & relief operations. Its European heavy-lifting operator SAF International is operating an additional Super Puma configured for delivering proficient aerial work.

HxCare In-Service is one of the three flexible solutions included in the new HxCare offer, which also includes HxCare Initial and HxCare Lifetime. For specific fleets, HxCare First is available for Airbus Corporate Helicopters (ACH) aircraft and HxCare Classics for the out-of-production legacy fleet (H120, Dauphin, Puma and Gazelle).



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