
PhilJets starts the year with Airbus Helicopters H130 order

- Order from the Philippines is Airbus Helicopters' first Southeast Asia order in 2016
- PhilJets' H130 order is its second in 6 months, adding on to its existing four other Ecureuil-family rotorcraft

Manila, 13 January 2016 - PhilJets Group has placed an order with Airbus Helicopters for one brand new H130 light helicopter, scheduled for delivery in June 2016.

PhilJets through its parents company, Starline Global Industries, already placed an order for an H130 last year and is renewing its confidence in this helicopter type to boost the expansion of its operations in the Philippines. "As a fast growing aviation start-up, our ambitious growth strategy needs to be fully supported by one of the most efficient, reliable and versatile aircraft in the market," said Thierry Tea, CEO of PhilJets Group. "This additional H130 will help us achieve our expansion plans in a sustainable manner."

This aircraft will be operated by PhilJets Aero Charter Corp, the group's air transport subsidiary. It will offer to PhilJets' charter subsidiary some increased capacity especially in catering to corporate clients and high-end tourists as well as an efficient support for specific aerial works including medical evacuation, cargo-sling transportation for mining, construction of roads, power lines and telecom towers inspection and maintenance.

With this helicopter acquisition, PhilJets Group will have in total a fleet of six Ecureuil helicopters comprising five H130s and one AS350 B2. Having celebrated its third anniversary on January 8th, PhilJets Group is becoming a business aviation reference in the Philippines and aims to grow its activities for charter and management services in the South East Asia region.

"PhilJets is one of our most important customers in the Philippines who has shown their confidence and continued support in our aircraft," said Yves Poesy, Managing Director of Airbus Helicopters in the Philippines. "The Ecureuil has proven its performance and capabilities in a variety of missions around the world and is the clear single engine market leader in the country. We are committed to provide our full support and are confident that our rotorcraft will help PhilJets to achieve its ambitions."

The H130 is a member of Airbus Helicopters' renowned Ecureuil family. It is a high-performance, multifunctional, single-engine helicopter that can offer many possibilities for operators, thanks to its powerful engine and wide, flat-floor cabin which can accommodate an array of equipment to provide outstanding mission flexibility.

The Ecureuil is one of the most popular light helicopters in Asia. In the Philippines itself, Airbus Helicopters provides more than 50% of the helicopter fleet, with a vast majority of the fleet comprising mainly Ecureuils.

About PhilJets Group (www.philjets.com)

PhilJets Group includes PhilJets Aero Services Inc. and PhilJets Aero Charter Corp, leaders in the Philippine Business Aviation industry providing Global Services in the Philippines and within the Asia Pacific Region. Its range of activities include General Aviation Services, Ground Handling, Aircraft Management, Aircrafts Sales, Spare Parts Sales, Maintenance Services, Technical Support, Manpower & Outsourcing, Representation, Charter Flights, Helicopter Tours, and Aerial Work.

PhilJets' customers include General and Business Aviation firms, Commercial Airlines, MRO companies, Government Agencies, tourists and private individuals.

About Airbus Helicopters (www.airbushelicopters.com)

Airbus Helicopters is a division of Airbus Group. The company provides the most efficient civil and military helicopter solutions to its customers who serve, protect, save lives and safely carry passengers in highly demanding environments. Flying more than 3 million flight hours per year, the company's in-service fleet includes some 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers in 152 countries. Airbus Helicopters employs more than 23,000 people worldwide and in 2014 generated revenues of 6.5 billion Euros. In line with the company's new identity, fully integrated into Airbus Group, Airbus Helicopters has renamed its product range replacing the former "EC" designation with an "H".

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