ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE PLACES ORDER FOR TWO ADDITIONAL EC725S

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The Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) has ordered two additional mission-ready twin-engine EC725 (now marketed as the H225M Caracal) multirole utility helicopters as part of the continuation of its fleet strengthening programme agreement launched in 2012. Delivery of the two additional EC725s is scheduled for 2019.

The RTAF's EC725s are specially equipped with fast roping, cargo sling, search light and electro-optical systems (EOS) to perform combat search and rescue (CSAR) missions, search and rescue (SAR) flights, troop transport operations and other tasks. These additional helicopters will join an existing fleet of four EC725s to perform similar missions. Two EC725s that were booked in 2014 will also be delivered by the end of this year. Upon signing this latest contract, the RTAF may also consider to further expand its fleet of EC725s.

"This latest contract marks the great confidence the RTAF has placed in the EC725 and its proven capabilities to fulfil its most challenging missions," said Philippe Monteux, Head of Southeast Asia and Pacific region. "We are honoured to be a partner of the RTAF's fleet modernisation and

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strengthening efforts and we remain committed to ensure full support and comprehensive services to the RTAF.”

Airbus Helicopters’ EC725 is an 11-ton twin-engine multirole utility helicopter featuring high-performance navigation and mission systems – including a unique digital four-axis autopilot to deliver excellent flight autonomy. It is a member of the successful Super Puma / Cougar family of military helicopters, with more than 500 units delivered worldwide. It is currently operated by the armed forces of France, Brazil, Mexico, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and was selected last month by the State of Kuwait, with an order placed for 30 helicopters.

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