AIRBUS HELICOPTERS SEES GROWING DEMAND FOR H160S IN NORTH AMERICA

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The demand for H160 helicopter is growing according to Airbus Helicopters. Featuring the latest technology and a breakthrough design, the ACH160 recently made an impression on customers in the private and business aviation market, with four ACH160s ordered for this purpose in 2022. With more than a dozen H160s already ordered by North American customers to date to fulfill a range of missions.

To support this growth and the aircraft entry to service, plans are now in place for the addition of the first H160 full flight simulator in North America. The FFS will be a critical training tool for the increasing number of customers in North and Latin America which have already placed orders for the versatile aircraft.

Romain Trapp, President of Airbus Helicopters, Inc. and Head of the North America region, commented: “The H160 features the highest level of innovation and was designed to provide our customers with tremendous value in comfort, performance and safety, regardless of the mission they’re carrying out. The addition of an H160 FFS in North America ensures pilots have easy

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access to a smooth transition between theory and practice.”

This continued growth of the H160 in North America is leading Helisim, an Airbus Helicopters and Thales joint venture, to invest in a new H160 level D FFS to be located in the U.S. The FFS will be expected to accommodate approximately 400 pilots a year, with a potential of more than 4,000 training hours annually. It will be located at the Helisim Simulation Center inside the Airbus Helicopters, Inc. facility in Grand Prairie, Texas, and is expected to be ready for use as early as the second half of 2025.

The world’s first H160 FFS was implemented at Helisim in Marignane, France in August 2020 with approximately 1,500 flight hours accrued as of March 2022.

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