

POLISH NATIONAL POLICE SIGNS PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR FOUR BELL 407GXIS

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Bell signed purchase agreement for four Bell 407GX aircraft by the Polish National Police. Helicopters will be purchased as part of the project "Safer on the roads – aerial supervision over the road traffic," implemented with the use of funds from the Operational Program Infrastructure and Environment. The four Bell 407GX aircraft will join three aircraft of the same type which were delivered to the PNP in October 2020. The PNP also operates two Bell 206s and a Bell 412HP. With a total number of seven Bell 407GX Polish National Police will become the largest user of this type of helicopter among other public institutions in Europe.

Patrick Moulay, senior vice president, International Sales, Bell, stated: "The decision by the Polish National Police to grow its fleet of 407GX is testament to the industry-leading aftermarket service that Bell, and its maintenance partners is able to offer. We recognize the importance of minimizing downtime, and that's why we work hard to ensure excellent parts availability and technical support for our customers."

Dariusz Augustyniak, deputy chief superintendent, Polish National Police, commented: "In recent

years, we have strongly focused on improving road safety and to achieve this, we are strengthening the technical potential of our formation. That is why we will want to use these four latest helicopters primarily to improve safety on the Polish roads. Ultimately, we want each of them to be equipped with an aerial observation system.”

As with the aircraft already delivered to the PNP, the new Bell 407GXis will come equipped with the Trakka Systems Total Solution Package which includes a searchlight, camera and moving map as well as downlink system and operator console. The system enables the crew to detect, identify and track vehicles, as well as estimate their speed.

Magdalena Karska, board member, JB Investments Limited, said: “During the 30 years of our company's operation, we have already delivered more than 50 aircraft for public tenders for various institutions, including the Polish Police. Now, thanks to our 15 years of experience working with Bell Textron, we have the honor to be a prime contractor for the delivery of another four Bell 407 helicopters.”

There are now 1,590 Bell 407 operating around the world, with 109 located in Europe. The aircraft has proved popular with parapublic operators, with 131 used globally for this mission.

The Bell 407GXi is powered by a Rolls-Royce M250-C47E/4 turbine engine featuring two dual-channel FADECs. This high-performance yet fuel efficient engine delivers impressive performance in hot and high conditions and delivers a cruise speed of 133 kts (246 km/h). The aircraft also features the latest Garmin G1000H NXi avionics, featuring high resolution LED displays, faster processing power and the ability to connect to tablets and smartphones.

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