

Leonardo recognised as a UK Business Hero

- The accolade from the *British Chambers of Commerce* recognises companies which have gone the extra mile to support their local community during the Coronavirus outbreak
- Leonardo has been there for the UK Armed Forces throughout the pandemic, including providing support for its Wildcat and Merlin helicopters as they operated in Covid-19-relief roles
- A host of employee-led initiatives has included the production of thousands of units of PPE for the NHS

London, 3rd December 2020 – The British Chambers of Commerce has recognised aerospace engineering company Leonardo as a **UK Business Hero**, in light of its outstanding contribution throughout the Covid-19 emergency.

Working alongside all of the UK's local Chambers of Commerce, the *British Chambers of Commerce* chose to recognise a number of UK businesses across the country who had gone beyond expectations in their response to the pandemic. Leonardo employs over 7,500 employees across the UK at its sites which include Edinburgh, Basildon, Luton, Southampton and Yeovil. The company was named as a UK Business Hero **due to its continued work to deliver key capability to the Armed Forces' current and future programmes, as well as supporting their transportation of personnel and supplies around the country by helicopter in response to the pandemic.** Employees were also commended for their dedicated production of PPE for the NHS, which they completed in their own time in addition to their daily duties.

The initiative has been supported by HRH The Countess of Wessex who, in a letter to the recognised *Business Heroes* wrote: "It has been a particular pleasure to hear stories of how you have supported your local communities throughout the outbreak and to see you nominated as *UK Business Heroes* by your local Chamber of Commerce."

Norman Bone, Chair and Managing Director of Leonardo UK said: "During these exceptional times our employees have repeatedly stepped up in the face of challenges. We've adapted quickly to dramatically changing circumstances in order to continue to provide the technology and capability that our Armed Forces have relied on in their tireless efforts throughout this crisis. I am intensely proud of our people's dedication and commitment: not just to our customers, but to those in the communities in which they live and work across the country."