

PRESS NOTE

Bestfly expands offshore helicopter fleet in Angola with AW139 order

First fully owned AW139 for Bestfly, adding to two leased AW139s and four AW169s ordered in 2021

Leonardo's helicopter fleet supports the energy industry in Africa, which has almost doubled in the last eight years thanks to the latest generation design, performance and safety standard of its AW Family range of models

The AW139 is the world's most successful helicopter programme since its certification in 2004 with orders of more than 1,250 units to date and the benchmark for offshore transport duties

Rome, 08/04/2022 – Bestfly is expanding its fleet of Leonardo helicopters configured for offshore transport missions in Angola. The recent order of Bestfly's first fully owned AW139 intermediate twin engine, is expected to be delivered in the Q3 of 2022. This aircraft adds to two previously leased AW139s and four AW169 light intermediate twins purchased at the end of 2021, which made Bestfly the first local operator to introduce the AW169 in the African market. This latest AW139 contract potentially paves the way for further sustainable growth of the operator's rotorcraft fleet in the region. Bestfly's fleet of helicopters is expected to consist of seven Leonardo aircraft by the end of 2022, and with a total fleet of 30 aircraft.

Bestfly's AW139 and AW169 helicopters are intended to conduct onshore and offshore passenger and equipment transport in the energy mining and tourism industries in Angola by leveraging latest technology and navigation/mission avionics, latest certification and safety standards, outstanding performance, the largest cabin in their respective categories and a modern maintenance approach.

This latest order provides further evidence of the potential in the African energy market for Leonardo's latest generation helicopter models. The African Oil&Gas market is showing promising signs, considering reserves, and the opportunities for new projects. With over 200 units, the helicopter fleet comprises types from various OEMs supporting the energy industry in Africa which is one of the biggest in the world. Over the last eight years, Leonardo has been the only manufacturer able to expand its presence in the African offshore market, almost doubling the number of aircraft thanks to the AW Family range of models (the AW139, AW189 and, more recently, the AW169) which deliver greater versatility and performance and higher safety standards. With over 60% of the existing offshore helicopter fleet still made of old design types, Leonardo's state-of-the-art helicopters are well positioned to meet fleet replacement and modernisation programmes among operators in the region.

The world's most important helicopter programme since its certification in 2004 and the bestselling type in its category, the AW139 has logged orders for over 1,250 units from more than 290 customers in over 80 countries logging in excess of 3 million flight hours to date, and it's the benchmark platform in the energy industry today. The AW139 delivers outstanding capabilities, technology and safety to meet stringent requirements from operators for tasks in harsh conditions to maximise effectiveness. The type features state-of-the-art avionics with advanced navigation and collision avoidance systems to enhance situational awareness and reduce pilots' workload, unmatched speed, power margins and overall performance, the widest cabin in its category featuring high modularity for rapid reconfiguration, a unique 60+ min run-dry capable main gear box for enhanced reliability and safety and up to 1,000 certified kits.

Note to editors on Bestfly

Bestfly, is an Angolan company in the aviation market, established in November 2009, customer service is and will always be the paramount objective. Our team comprises with highly experienced individuals, all our operation staff are duly certified, that allows us to create a dynamic and pro-active organisation. Our goal is to anticipate any possible problems not allowing them to actually occur. Bestfly senior management team includes an Airline Pilot with over 9,000 hours, that flew for the biggest Business Jet operator in world NETJETS, and an Ex-NETJETS Europe customer representative, which enables us to understand and implement the needs of a high demanding market as it is the business aviation. In just two years of operations, Bestfly became the market leader and the most recognised brand in the business aviation

handling in Angola, with a market share of close 80%. In ten years Bestfly became the biggest operator in Angola, and through its sustainable growth strategy it has become a major operator in the South Western Africa Region, both for Fixed Wing and Rotary Wing Operations.

Leonardo, a global high-technology company, is among the top world players in Aerospace, Defense and Security and Italy's main industrial company. Organized into five business divisions, Leonardo has a significant industrial presence in Italy, the United Kingdom, Poland and the USA, where it also operates through subsidiaries that include Leonardo DRS (defense electronics), and joint ventures and partnerships: ATR, MBDA, Telespazio, Thales Alenia Space and Avio. Leonardo competes in the most important international markets by leveraging its areas of technological and product leadership (Helicopters, Aircraft, Aerostructures, Electronics, Cyber Security and Space). Listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (LDO), in 2020 Leonardo recorded consolidated revenues of €13.4 billion and invested €1.6 billion in Research and Development. The company has been part of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) since 2010 and has been confirmed among the global sustainability leaders in 2021. Leonardo is also included in the MIB ESG index.

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