

Airbus Helicopters delivers new H125 to Namibia's Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism

Helicopter to be used in environmental patrol operations

Johannesburg, 23 June 2016 – Airbus Helicopters Southern Africa (AHZA) delivered a new H125 rotorcraft to Namibia's Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism in Windhoek today.

The helicopter was ordered last August and has been customized for day and night time operations, enabling it to fly anti-poaching and other missions in the vast country. Custom equipment includes an SX Nightsun light for night-time flights and a cargo swing so that large animals and other items can be carried.

In typical operations, the H125 will be flown by a pilot and able to carry up to 5 passengers on flights of up to four and a half hours or over a distance of approximately 630 kilometres.

AHZA assembled the new helicopter at its Grand Central, Midrand base near Johannesburg, South Africa. The Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism's pilot was also trained at AHZA and was among the first to make use of the company's new AS350/H125 helicopter flight simulator, which was recently commissioned.

The H125 is a member of Airbus Helicopters' rugged and proven Ecureuil (Squirrel) family. Some 5,000 single-engine Ecureils have been delivered in more than 100 countries for some 1,600 operators. Of these, more than 170 are flown by African operators.

The worldwide fleet has accumulated more than 23 million flight hours, operating in a variety of roles including utility transport, emergency medical, environment and wildlife protection and airborne law enforcement among the most common missions. It is especially suited to high performance missions in high & hot conditions which are typical in Namibia and across Southern Africa.

The H125 (previously known as the AS350 Squirrel) is one of the world's most successful and prolific helicopters with more than xx,xxx having been delivered to private, commercial and government operators,. Worldwide, they are operated in a variety of roles including utility transport, emergency medical, environment and wildlife protection and airborne law enforcement among the most common missions.

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About Airbus Helicopters (www.airbushelicopters.com)

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