

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Safran signs by-the-hour support contract for new UK military training fleets**

Dallas, HAI Heli-Expo, 8 March 2017 Safran has signed of a Support-By-Hour (SBH) covering engines operated by the UK Military Flying Training System (UKMFTS) program. The 17-year agreement between Safran Helicopter Engines UK and Airbus Helicopters is worth more than 100 million euros and relates to Arrius 2B2Plus and Arriel 2E engines powering new fleets of H135 and H145.

In July 2016 Safran was selected to supply Arrius 2B2<sup>Plus</sup> and Arriel 2E turbines for the H135 and H145 fleets. Similar variants are already contributing to training operations in countries including the United States, Australia, France and Germany

Safran Helicopter Engines UK already provides similar services to the engines in AS350 single engine Squirrels currently operated by the UK's Defence Helicopter Flying School. Safran is delighted to be going forward with Airbus Helicopters, now in twin engine rotorcraft..

The Arrius 2B2<sup>Plus</sup> and Arriel 2E combine state-of-the-art technology with best-in-class reliability. With a growing share of the H135 market, the Arrius 2B2<sup>Plus</sup> is in demand by operators conducting missions in demanding environments. A principal advantage is better performance in hot-and-high conditions, enabling the H135 to carry more payload at the same altitude. To date, Safran has delivered more than 3,150 Arrius engines to 430 customers in 60 countries.

The Arriel is the most reliable engine solution within the 700 to 1,000 shp range. Around 12,000 units have been produced, together logging 46 million flight hours. It now powers over 40 different helicopter types and is the best-selling engine in its class.



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**Safran Helicopter Engines** is the world's leading manufacturer of helicopter engines, with more than 72,000 produced since being founded. It offers the widest range of helicopter turboshafts in the world and has more than 2,500 customers in 155 countries.

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