Turbomeca customers confirm confidence in Support-by-the-Hour contract model

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Turbomeca (Safran) companies across the world have finalized SBH (Support By the Hour) contracts with numerous operators flying a wide range of missions.

During Heli-Expo 2015, Canadian operator Coast to Coast will sign a SBH contract with Turbomeca Canada covering the Arrius 1A engines in its AS 355 helicopters.

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At the end of 2014 Aiut Alpin Dolomites, a mountain rescue service based in northern Italy, and launch customer of the new EC135 T3, signed an SBH contract with Turbomeca Support France covering its Arrius 2B2Plus turbines.

Recently, Turbomeca Asia Pacific and India’s Ghodawat Entreprises Limited agreed an SBH contract to support their Arrius 2B2 and Arrius 2F engines. Ghodawat Entreprises operates EC135 and EC120 on business air charter operations. In April 2015 an EC130 T2, fitted with Arriel 2D engines, will be added to their fleet.

Over recent months, Turbomeca Germany has signed contracts with Fonnafly AS (Arriel 2D), Helitrans (Arriel 2D), Norsk Luftambulanse (Arriel 2E) and Scandinavian MediCopter (Arriel 2E).

In addition Antair, Turbomeca Mexico's Certified Maintenance Center, signed an SBH contract covering the Arriel 2D turbines in service with Servicios Aéreos La Viña, an operator performing utility missions in Morelia, Michoacán.
Franck Saudo, Turbomeca Executive Vice President Support and Services, commented: "These contracts confirm the confidence that exists between Turbomeca and its customers, and illustrate how the SBH program can adapt to individual operator needs, no matter what their mission or fleet size".

Turbomeca (Safran) is the leading helicopter engine manufacturer, and has produced 70,000 turbines based on its own designs since the company was founded. Offering the widest range of engines in the world and dedicated to 2,500 customers in 155 countries, Turbomeca provides a proximity service thanks to its 15 sites, 30 proximity maintenance centers, 18 Repair & Overhaul Centers, and 90 Field representatives and Field technicians. Microturbo, the subsidiary of Turbomeca, is the European leader in turbojet engines for missiles, drones and auxiliary power units.