Turbomeca signs a Support By the Hour contract with DRF Luftrettung covering 40 Arriel 2E

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Turbomeca (Safran) and DRF Luftrettung announce the signature of a 10-year Support By the Hour (SBH) contract for their 40 Arriel 2E engines. With the Turbomeca-powered EC145T2 fleet DRF Luftrettung perform HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service) missions in Germany.

Richard Musil, CEO of Turbomeca Germany GmbH mentioned, "After signing a five year SBH contract for 26 Arriel 1E2 engines in February 2012, DRF Luftrettung has again chosen the SBH contract to cover the engines of their newest fleet. This is a further step that strengthens our relationship with DRF Luftrettung, an important collaboration that has been developed over the last five years."

The Turbomeca SBH contract allows customers to tailor agreements based on their operational needs.

Hamburg-based Turbomeca Germany GmbH will provide support and maintenance to DRF Luftrettung engines. "As the first operator worldwide DRF Luftrettung put the first helicopter of type EC 145 T2 officially into service at its HEMS base in Munich on February 11th, 2015. This represents a milestone in modernizing the DRF Luftrettung fleet since this type of helicopter will be delivered to further HEMS bases in 2015 as well. We are very glad to have a reliable partner on our side regarding support and maintenance", explains Steffen Lutz, CEO of DRF Luftrettung.

Founded in 1991, Turbomeca Germany employs 46 persons and provides 24/7 support for 285 customers in 29 countries (located in northern, central and eastern Europe, central Asia and Russia).

DRF Luftrettung operates 30 HEMS bases with over 50 helicopters for emergency rescue and intensive care transport between hospitals, at eight bases even around the clock. In 2014 they flew a total of 37,811 missions. DRF Luftrettung’s technical operation comprises an EASA Part-145 maintenance facility, the CAMO-Services, an EASA Part-21 design organization and a technical training organization according to EASA Part-147.

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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.


DRF Luftrettung flies rescue missions at 30 HEMS, at eight HEMS bases 24/7. In addition DRF Luftrettung conducts repatriations for its sponsoring members with its own ambulance aircraft. In total, approximately 660 emergency physicians, 320 paramedics, 160 pilots and 80 technicians are on duty for DRF Luftrettung.

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