

Media release

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EFW secures new NH90 helicopter maintenance contract

Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH (EFW) today announced that it has signed a contract with the German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) for the maintenance of NH90 helicopters, with the first batch of helicopters arriving at EFW's Dresden site shortly.

Under the contract which has a term of seven years, EFW will provide maintenance services for the NH90 Tactical Transport Helicopter (TTH) operated by the German Army. The scope of work includes regular inspections, potential modifications and component repairs. The contract further strengthens EFW's existing helicopter capabilities and underlines the strategic importance of its Dresden facility.

Direct Partnership with German Armed Forces

For the first time, EFW will act as a direct contractual partner to the Bundeswehr under this contract. This new role strengthens the company's position in the military rotary-wing market and opens up additional opportunities for future contracts. EFW had previously carried out maintenance work on the NH90 as a subcontractor.

"The new contract provides long-term planning certainty and creates attractive growth opportunities for EFW," says Jordi Boto, CEO of EFW. "This successful award reflects EFW's strong performance and recognised expertise. In addition, EFW offers a combination of capabilities and available capacity that is currently only available to a limited extent elsewhere in the market."

Note: The contract is expected to be formally signed during a public signing ceremony in Dresden by representatives of the Bundeswehr and EFW. Further details will be announced by EFW in due course.

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EFW (Elbe Flugzeugwerke GmbH) is a joint venture of ST Engineering and Airbus. It combines various aviation and technology activities under a single roof: development and manufacturing of fibre-reinforced composite components for aircraft structures and interiors of the entire Airbus family, the conversion of passenger aircraft into freighter configuration, maintenance and repair of Airbus aircraft as well as engineering services in the context of certification and approval.

The company has a workforce of about 2,200 employees. With over 20 years of experience and more than 40 conversion customers worldwide, thereof the largest express carriers in North America and Europe but also renowned General Freight and Combination Carriers, EFW is the Centre of Excellence for freighter conversions, driving the development of the Airbus freighter family.