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FLIR Systems' Star SAFIRE® 380-HDc Sensor Selected for Norway SAR on AW101 Helicopters

WILSONVILLE, OR, May 28, 2014 -- FLIR Systems, Inc. announced today that its Star SAFIRE 380-HDc was selected by the Norway Ministry of Justice and Public Security for its new fleet of helicopters to be used in Norway's All Weather Search and Rescue Helicopter (NAWSARH) program. Deliveries will commence this year, with an in-service date of 2017.

FLIR's Star SAFIRE 380-HDc selection allows the latest generation of high-definition, multispectral imaging to be used by aircrews in this demanding SAR role, recognized to be the harshest SAR environment in the world.

The Norway Ministry of Justice and Public Security awarded the NAWSARH contract to AgustaWestland in December 2013. Deliveries of the AW101 helicopters to the Royal Norwegian Air Force, who will fly and operate the aircraft, will begin in 2017 and continue through to 2020. The 16 aircraft will be assembled at AgustaWestland's Yeovil facility in the UK.

AgustaWestland will provide initial support and training services, including spares at each of the operating bases and aircrew training, and will provide performance-based logistic support to deliver approximately 90,000 flying hours across the fleet of 16 helicopters over the initial 15 year period.

FLIR has been providing Star SAFIRE systems and product support to European SAR and Police operators for more than 20 years, and continues to achieve an operational availability greater than 99%. FLIR product support, already in place for other UK Police and SAR operators, will blend seamlessly with AgustaWestland's support model for NAWSARH, and its in-country partner, AIM. Working in close association with AgustaWestland, the SAR aircrew training will include familiarization with the capabilities of Star SAFIRE 380-HDc.

The specific Star SAFIRE 380-HDc configuration selected for NAWSARH includes the latest high definition variants of infrared (IR), day-camera, and short wave infrared (SWIR) sensors, coupled with GeoLock high accuracy scene coordinate location, Moving Target

Indication, and augmented image enhancement.

The Star SAFIRE 380-HDc represents a paradigm shift in airborne imaging, offering a previously unattainable combination of long stand-off observation capability in a compact physical size. The Star SAFIRE 380-HDc sensor system is now entering service in SAR operations, law enforcement, military, and border surveillance missions worldwide. The Star SAFIRE 380-HDc contains advanced payload configurations with multiple high definition sensors, including a full native high definition infrared camera with zoom optics, making the Star SAFIRE 380-HDc the world's only commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) airborne system to provide real high definition thermal imaging in this class.

“FLIR is proud to be selected by the Norway Ministry of Justice and Public Security and AgustaWestland for the NAW SARH program,” said Thomas A. Surran, Chief Operating Officer of FLIR. “We take pride in our ability to offer lifesaving technology to agencies around the world, and do so with our unique commercially-developed, military-qualified operating model that yields exceptional total cost of ownership, superior performance, high quality, and excellent support for our customers. Together with AgustaWestland, our products and people will be there when people in distress need the right technology and service to be brought to safety”

Launch customers for the Star SAFIRE 380-HDc system include USA Law Enforcement Agencies and SAR / C-SAR operators in the Middle East and Asia.

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About FLIR Systems

FLIR Systems, Inc. is a world leader in the design, manufacture, and marketing of sensor systems that enhance perception and awareness. FLIR's advanced systems and components are used for a wide variety of thermal imaging, situational awareness, and security applications, including airborne and ground-based surveillance, condition monitoring, navigation, recreation, research and development, manufacturing process control, search and rescue, drug interdiction, transportation safety, border and maritime patrol, environmental monitoring, and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosives (CBRNE) threat detection. For more information, visit FLIR's web site at www.FLIR.com.



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About AgustaWestland

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