

# SOFEMA and DCI announce the creation of Alouette Helicopter Worldwide Services

Press release

**Levallois-Perret, 4th December 2014 – SOFEMA and DCI (Défense Conseil International) announce the creation of a new company, Alouette Helicopter Worldwide Services (ALHWS). Established in May 2014, ALHWS will commence operations in December 2014.**

Under an agreement with Airbus Helicopters, ALHWS will ensure global support of LAMA and ALOUETTE helicopters. ALHWS will be operating from SOFEMA's logistics platform based in La Teste de Buch, in Gironde (France) and will be running a network of more than 100 subcontractors.

ALHWS is chaired by Guillaume Giscard d'Estaing, SOFEMA's Chairman and CEO: « This is a first of its kind: Airbus Helicopters transfers to ALHWS the responsibility of managing the production of spare parts and ensuring the support of an older range of helicopters. The objective is to provide the best possible service to the large number of ALOUETTE and LAMA's operators. We share with Airbus Helicopters the strategic vision that supporting older ranges is a business in its own right that requires working closely with customers. The ALOUETTE and LAMA customers expect efficient, innovative and tailored support at an optimal price, this is the purpose and the challenge of ALHWS ».

Jean-Michel Palagos, DCI's Chairman and CEO, adds: « DCI welcomes this partnership with SOFEMA, which led to the creation of a new company in the Aerospace and Defense industry. Many ALHWS customers are the armed forces of France's allies. The mission of DCI, as set by France's Ministry of Defense, is to provide French know-how to friendly countries. ALHWS completes DCI's already strong offering in the field of in-service helicopter support ».

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## **About SOFEMA:**

SOFEMA is a subsidiary of Europe's most prestigious Aerospace and Defense groups including Airbus Group, Safran, Thales and Nexter Systems. SOFEMA, a medium sized company of 80 employees that achieves a turnover of €40 million, is today a key player in the management of first generation fleets of aircrafts like the Mirage III or armored vehicles such as the AML.

The creation of ALHWS, a company dedicated to the ALOUETTE, is consistent with a dynamic sustained by SOFEMA's shareholders and the French State from which the company acquires first generation equipment that, once renovated, is offered to countries with moderate purchase power.

SOFEMA works side-by-side with its clients servicing their fleets, while maintaining a French presence in the world.

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