

Jingcheng Receives China's First S-76D™ Helicopter

Coatesville, Pennsylvania -

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. announced today that Yunnan Jingcheng Group accepted delivery of the first S-76D™ aircraft that will operate in China. The aircraft is configured for transportation of corporate and government VIPs. Sikorsky is a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX).

Sikorsky recently announced at the 2014 Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition that the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) had issued a validation type certificate for the S-76D™ aircraft, allowing Sikorsky to begin delivering the commercial helicopter to customers in China.

Jingcheng also flies a Sikorsky S-92® helicopter for use in transporting corporate and government VIPs. In September 2013, a second S-92 aircraft was purchased with delivery expected in November 2015.

With the delivery of this aircraft, nearly 40 S-76® aircraft will operate in China. In China's intermediate aircraft market segment (7,000 to 15,000 lbs gross weight), the S-76® occupies more than 35 percent (the highest) of the total.

In September 2013, Sikorsky Aircraft and Changhe Aircraft Industries Corp. signed an agreement for Changhe to produce S-76D™ commercial helicopter cabins for Sikorsky. Changhe serves as a second source for S-76D cabins, with deliveries scheduled to begin in 2016 and production volumes based on market demand. Aero Vodochody in the Czech Republic also supplies the cabins.

The S-76D helicopter has quickly proven popular with customers, with a current backlog exceeding \$650 million. Sikorsky has delivered more than 800 S-76 helicopters to customers globally since 1979, contributing daily to a growing 6.4-million-plus fleet flight hours total.

The S-76D helicopter's baseline equipment includes powerful and efficient Pratt & Whitney Canada PW210S engines; an advanced THALES TopDeck® integrated avionics system and four-axis autopilot; Health and Usage Monitoring System (HUMS) incorporated into fleet monitoring and analysis; active vibration control; and all-composite, flaw-tolerant main rotor blades. A Rotor Ice Protection System (RIPS) for all-weather capability will be available as an option.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries worldwide.

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