

Future Lynx selected as the preferred option for land and sea helicopter requirements

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AgustaWestland chosen to enter a new partnership with UK's MoD

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AgustaWestland welcomes the UK Ministry of Defence's announcement to proceed with the Future Lynx programme as its preferred option for meeting the Land (Find) and Maritime (Surface) Attack elements of its helicopter requirement. The estimated value of this programme is in the region of £1 billion.

The MOD have also agreed to explore a long-term arrangement whereby AgustaWestland would partner with them to provide efficiencies in and support for its current and future helicopter programmes. The government has indicated its intention to invest £3 billion in its rotorcraft requirements over the next 10 years.

**Pier Francesco Guarguaglini, CEO and Chairman of Finmeccanica SpA, said:**

“Selecting Future Lynx is a major result for AgustaWestland just two months after winning the competition to renew the US presidential helicopter fleet. AgustaWestland is well placed to compete for future contracts both in the UK and other markets. This latest contract further vindicates Finmeccanica's strategy of making helicopters a key element of its business.”

**Alan Johnston, Managing Director of AgustaWestland, added:**

“The full capability of AgustaWestland will be mobilised to make sure the Future Lynx programme fully responds to the Army and Navy's helicopter requirements. AgustaWestland and its suppliers are committed to delivering value for money for the UK government and the country's taxpayers. We are delighted that AgustaWestland has been chosen as a long-term partner to the Ministry of Defence and the confidence this demonstrates in the high-quality of AgustaWestland's products and the expertise of its skilled workforce. Our portfolio of modern, high technology rotorcraft are well placed to compete for the MoD's future helicopter requirements.”