

Press Information

Liebherr-Aerospace on Board VRT-500

September 2019 – Liebherr-Aerospace announced at the 16th MAKS Airshow, that it has signed an agreement with VR-Technologies, a subsidiary of Russian Helicopters, to be the supplier of the environmental control system for their new civil helicopter VRT-500.

The agreement to supply the light single-engine multi-purpose VRT-500 helicopter with the environmental control system includes the cooling system as well. VR-Technologies anticipates the VRT-500's breadth of application to be quite diverse – from private use, taxing, tourism, news/media and logistics all the way to rescue and ambulance services.

The forecast for deliveries of the VRT-500 is quite solid. The helicopter was first revealed to the world in 2018. Liebherr-Aerospace is proud to share the news that they will partner with VR-Technologies" which channels the proven expertise in developing helicopters with today's market demands. "We are thrilled to have been awarded this contract by VR-Technologies. We have built a solid reputation in the helicopter market by supplying various systems to our customers. The addition of VR-Technologies to our portfolio is an honor and we look forward to serving them", said Nicolas Bonleux, Chief Commercial Officer, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS.

"We are happy to announce that Liebherr-Aerospace will be one of our suppliers in this venture. Their knowhow, reputation and customer-centric approach were decisive factors to bring them on board our VRT-500 program. This is a new milestone for us and we are happy to lock hands with an industry-leader such as Liebherr-Aerospace. We are paving our way to a new development, reaching a broader global customer network; thus, having strong and well respected supplier network by our side is of the utmost importance to us", said Alexander Okhonko, General Manager of VR-Technologies.

The VRT-500 is a 5-passenger, light single-engine multipurpose helicopter expected to be highly successful in Europe with EASA certification in the horizon. With cruise speed of 225 km/h (approx. 140 miles per hour) and max range of 860 km (approx. 534 miles), this helicopter is bound to become a versatile solution to a multitude of industries.

A leading supplier of systems for the aviation industry

Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, Toulouse (France), is one of eleven divisional control companies within the Liebherr Group and coordinates all activities in the aerospace and transportation systems sectors.

Liebherr-Aerospace is a leading supplier of systems for the aviation industry and has more than five decades of experience in this field. The range of aviation equipment produced by Liebherr for the civil and military sectors includes flight control and actuation systems, gears and gearboxes, landing gear and air management systems as well as electronics. These systems are deployed in wide-bodied aircraft, single aisle and regional aircraft, business jets, combat aircraft, military transporters, military training aircraft, civil helicopters and combat helicopters.

Liebherr's aerospace and transportation systems division employs around 5,800 people. It has four aviation equipment production plants at Lindenberg (Germany), Toulouse (France), Guaratinguetá (Brazil) and Nizhny Novgorod (Russia). These production sites offer a worldwide service with additional customer service centers in Saline (Michigan/USA), Seattle (Washington/USA), Montreal (Canada), Hamburg (Germany), Moscow (Russia), Dubai (UAE), Bangalore (India), Singapore and Shanghai (People's Republic of China).

Caption



People transportation_city to city_copyright_VRT.jpg The VRT-500 helicopter will have the Liebherr environmental control system on board. - © VR Technologies



liebherr-vrt-contract-handshake.jpg Alexander Okhonko, General Manager of VR-Technologies (left) and Nicolas Bonleux, Chief Commercial Officer, Liebherr-Aerospace & Transportation SAS, shake hands after the contract signature at MAKS 2019.

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