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LCI DELIVERS FIRST AW169 TO ELITALIANA

11 October, 2016 – Lease Corporation International (LCI), the aviation leasing arm of the Libra Group, announces the delivery of the first Leonardo AW169 helicopter to Elitaliana SpA.

The AW169 is the first of three such aircraft that will be leased from LCI to support to support Elitaliana’s emergency medical services (EMS) and search and rescue (SAR) operations in Italy.

LCI is the launch customer for the AW169 and to date has taken delivery of five of this type, which are now being deployed on a variety of missions including EMS, offshore support and utility/training. The lessor has substantial orders and commitments for additional AW169s which are delivering through the coming years.

Crispin Maunder, Executive Chairman of LCI, says: “We are pleased to be partnering with Elitaliana as they introduce the AW169 into service replacing their AW109 equipment. We see considerable demand for this versatile and innovative helicopter which offers a broad range of applications, and allows LCI to further expand its relationships with leading operators around the world”.

The Leonardo AW169 is a versatile, new generation twin-turbine light intermediate category helicopter, which can accommodate up to ten passengers. The AW169 is the first all new aircraft in its weight category to enter the market in more than 30 years, and is certified in accordance with EASA CS-29 / FAR Part 29 standards for performance and safety.

Caterina Pallotta, President of Elitaliana, says: “Elitaliana is thrilled to introduce the latest Leonardo helicopter type into operation out of our Rome base, providing enhanced 24 hours EMS services within the Lazio region of Italy.

“We are delighted to be working with LCI Helicopters who have been extremely supportive to our requirements and we look forward to further developing our relationship over the coming years.”

LCI’s helicopter division comprises a fleet of 90 helicopters delivered or on order or under management, including the market-leading Leonardo AW139, AW169 and AW189 helicopters and next-generation Airbus Helicopters’ H175.

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Image caption: A Leonardo AW169

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About Lease Corporation International (LCI)

Since its inception in 2004, LCI has acquired fixed wing and rotary aircraft with a value of around US\$6 billion. LCI is owned by Libra Group (www.libra.com), an international business group with 30 subsidiaries operating across six continents. Libra Group's subsidiaries are focused on six sectors: aviation, energy, finance and diversified, hospitality, real estate and shipping.

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About Elitaliana SpA

Since its establishment in 1964, Elitaliana, the oldest active company in Italy, developed its operations with helicopters in almost all sectors like agriculture, firefighting, offshore, training, police missions, aerial work until it reached its highest specialization in EMS services all over Italy and internationally. Elitaliana operates a fleet of over 20 helicopters and is owned by Point Holding, an international business group operating mainly in Europe in real estate, automotive, hotels, banking, finance and aviation.