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Interview with mr. R.H. (Rob) van Dort, Business Development Manager, NIDV Foundation





Mr. R.H. (Rob) van Dort, Business Development Manager, NIDV

Foundation, gave an exclusive interview to Epicos, regarding the 28th **NIDV Symposium and**

Exhibition. Among others, he stated that: "The main benefit for a company participating in this event is the opportunity to connect with a large international government and business network from the defence and security domain".

On November 17th 2016, the NIDV is organising the 28th Symposium & Exhibition in Rotterdam. The theme is the "Internationalisation of Defence and Security". Can you please give us more information on this event?

The annual NIDV Symposium & Exhibition is a unique event for professionals that covers the entire field of security. It consists of two parts, a symposium with conference presentations (including the director of the Dutch Defence Materiel Organization, Vice Admiral A.J. de Waard) and an exhibition with booths of Dutch and international companies as well as government organizations, including the Dutch MoD, NATO, Defence Materiel Organisation, Security Services, Security Region, Firebrigades, Coast Guard, National Police Corps and more.

Can you please describe the profile of the NIDV's Symposium & Exhibition participant?

The annual NIDV Symposium & Exhibition is the leading meeting point for those interested in conducting business in the field of defence and security in The Netherlands. All those involved, either directly or indirectly, in the purchase and sale of products and services attend the exhibition.

Large companies participate because they are an inextricable part of this sector. Other companies realise that it is relatively easy to personally approach otherwise difficult-to-approach decision makers, thanks to the active assistance provided by the NIDV.



Could you please tell us how many companies will participate in the 28th NIDV Symposium & Exhibition?

Over the years the NIDV Symposium and Exhibition has seen a constant growth in the number of participating companies. In 2016 the foreign participants are expected to

represent around 25 % of the total entities attending the event, with a significant increase in the number of German enterprises.

What are the main benefits a company may have by participating in the event?

The annual NIDV Symposium & Exhibition is the only comprehensive event for industry, politics, government agencies and knowledge institutes in the Benelux with a focus on defence and security. All of those in the business or looking to join the business will be there.

The participation to the event offers companies a unique opportunity to identify strategic partners with whom collaboration is necessary to procure orders and, in particular, partial orders.

The main benefit for a company participating in this event is the opportunity to connect with a large international government and business network from the defence and security domain. This year we will introduce a "Cloud Matchmaking' facility which provides participants the possibility to organize their meetings in the weeks before the symposium.



> Anything else that you wish to add?

Last year we have introduced a NIDV symposium APP (IOS + ANDROID) available to all participants. With this APP the participant can find all information on the symposium, including program, exhibitors, presentations, how to get there, hotels, map with booths, and more. This year we have further improved the App which is available already. After registration participants will receive information about the APP and our new matchmaking facility.

Registration: <u>www.nidv.eu/en/nidv-symposium-exhibition</u>

The Netherlands: Defence Budget, Future Procurements and International Cooperation



In 2017, the Dutch government plans to increase defence spending by 200 million Euros, as it was officially announced at the opening of the Dutch parliament on 20 September. The Ministry of Defence will have almost 8.7 billion Euros available in support of its efforts. The bulk amount of these funds will be allocated to the stockpiling of spare parts and ammunition and to the recruitment of extra personnel. In

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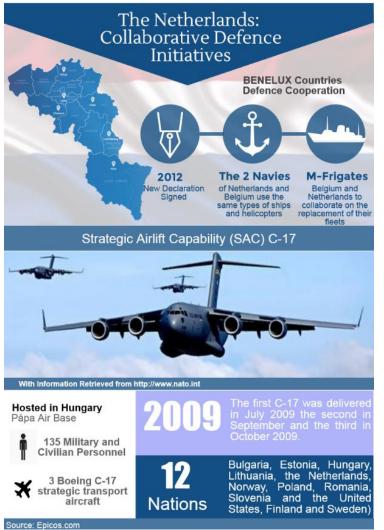
2016, defence budget was also increased by 220 million Euros, as it was stated by Dutch King Willem-Alexander in a speech ahead of the government's budget presentation. This amount of money was used in part to further improve the armed forces' operational deployability. Additionally, it was announced that extra funding will be made available on a structural basis for Dutch participation in peace keeping missions.

Nowadays, military operations and missions are becoming increasingly complex. Modern armed forces have to tackle with a great diversity of tasks under a wide range of circumstances. Additionally, the theatre of operations has been dramatically expanded. Operations are conducted all over the world and often within the framework of integrated multinational partnerships. Within this context, the key elements for a successful outcome are quick deployment, flexibility and the ability to react swiftly to unexpected opportunities and threats. Additionally, the process of globalisation and the relationship between internal and external security has been further intermingled meaning that many problems in Dutch society have a significant international dimension and vice versa. Under this context, national borders have without doubt lost some of their importance as the demarcation line for the security of the Netherlands territory and society. Thus, Dutch armed forces have a dual role safeguarding against threats both to the nation and the society.

This dimension was highlighted by Dutch King Willem-Alexander in his speech ahead of the government's budget presentation in which he mentioned the terrorist threat as one of the problems the world currently faces. He also added that Russia's annexation of Crimea and the conflict in eastern Ukraine has further destabilized Europe and that several other conflict hotspots, such as in Mali, Yemen and Afghanistan also pose a threat to the international legal order.

King Willem-Alexander also referred to his speech to the growing flow of refugees from Turkey to Europe that demands an active response. According to his estimations the solution to the problem should include international conflict management, refugees' reception in the region, combating people smuggling, a strict but fair asylum procedure in every country, effective policy of return, and giving to those unable to return opportunities to integrate in societies. Netherlands defence policy is firmly oriented in opting for international cooperation within the EU, NATO and UN level. Netherlands' most important partners in the field of security are the two other BENELUX countries (Belgium and Luxemburg) and Germany.

Under this context, in February 2016, Dutch Minister Mrs Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert and her German colleague Mrs Ursula von der Leyen signed two agreements on far-reaching cooperation measures. Under these agreements Germany will become joint user of the logistical support ship HNLMS Karel Doorman and the two countries will strengthen their ties in the area of ground-based air and missile defence.



BENELUX the between (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) countries has existed for a long time and it was further reinforced with the declaration signed in 2012 between the Ministers of Defence of the Netherlands and Belgium, Mr Hans Hillen and Mr Pieter de Crem, and the Minister of the Interior of Luxembourg, Mr Jean-Marie Halsdorf. According to the declaration, the three **BENELUX** countries armed forces will train and exercise together more frequently, the air forces will make use of each other's airfields, the Belgian and Dutch navies will intensify their combined operations and finally Belgium's paratroopers and the Netherlands' Airmobile

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Brigade will cooperate more intensively.

More on that direction Belgium and Netherlands are planning to collaborate on the replacement of their current Tripartite-class mine-countermeasures (MCM) vessels and M-frigates. The navies of the two countries cooperate for several years, working together in several areas, such as materiel maintenance and combined training. Additionally, it is worth mentioning that the 2 navies use the same types of ships and helicopters and their close cooperation is further exemplified by the fact that an integrated command, common training and maintenance facilities for frigates and mine hunters (Benesam) has existed for quite some time.

Netherlands is also a member of the Strategic Airlift Capability (SAC) C-17, an international initiative under which the 12 participant nations, acquired, manage, support and operate three Boeing C-17 strategic transport aircraft. The first C-17 was delivered in July 2009 the second in September and the third in October 2009.

The aircraft operate out of Pápa Air Base in Hungary and are open to use by the participating nations. The participants include ten NATO nations (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States) and two Partnership for Peace (PfP) nations (Finland and Sweden).

Furthermore, Netherlands is seeking to collaborate with Norway and Denmark both for the joint protection of airspace by the F-16s and the possibility of collective purchase, maintenance and training with regard to the F-35 Lightning II.

The purchase of F-35 is the biggest future procurement for the Netherlands as the country is planning to purchase at least 37 new fighter aircraft. In March 2015, the Dutch Parliament approved an order for eight F-35As, which will be delivered in 2019. The F-35s will eventually replace the F-16s currently in use by the Dutch air force.

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Epicos "Industrial Cooperation and Offset Projects"

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Development of structural composite parts using overbraiding technology for vehicles' ballistic protection



A company, which is a dedicated manufacturer of braided and woven fibres for composite reinforcement and advanced composites applications, is interested in developing structural composite parts for vehicles' ballistic protection. The company is an expert in the overbraiding manufacturing process, which is particularly well suited for circumferential products, like tubes or beams, and offers a number of advantages in comparison with filament winding, such as better crash properties and the possibility to produce more complex shapes. Furthermore, the company is highly

experienced in the use of Aramid fibres, which increase the energy absorption capacity, as well as the damage tolerance of the components. Combining this knowledge and experience, the company is looking for a partner to develop structural composite parts for vehicle protection purposes, using its overbraiding production technology.

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Low power data acquisition system for UAVs



A company designing, developing and supplying embedded computer hardware and software for civil and defence use is looking to expand its activities in the aerospace and defence sectors and in particular in the field of UAVs. The company has a long standing experience in developing advanced HW and SW products and equipment according to international A&D standards. In particular, the company has developed a

low power data acquisition system for use in e.g. UAVs. This small, embedded control system can perform several tasks in the areas of health monitoring, data storage and auto pilot. It can automatically delete recorded data on its own (independent of software) in case of an aircraft crash, thus preventing the enemy from gathering sensitive information. In the context of this system, the company would be interested in expanding the use of its data acquisition capability, to new UAV platforms. The system could be adapted for a specific UAV upgrade program, or the development of a new UAV.

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News from our A&D Business Network Boeing, Donghai Airlines Finalize Order for Five 787-9 Dreamliners





Boeing and Donghai Airlines announced today the finalization of an order for five 787-9 Dreamliners, valued at \$1.32 billion at current list prices. Shenzhen-based Donghai Airlines announced its intent to order 25 737 MAX 8s and five 787-9 Dreamliners in July at the

Farnborough International Airshow. Today's 787-9 order comes just weeks after the carrier finalized its 737 MAX 8 order last month.

"Donghai Airlines has undergone steady development over the past 10 years since the beginning of our freighter operations in 2006," said Wong Cho-Bau, Chairman, Donghai Airlines. "Under China's One Belt One Road initiative, we will accelerate our fleet expansion plan to satisfy the rapidly growing air travel market and help build our home base Shenzhen as the transportation hub in southern China. Introducing these new next-generation airplanes that deliver the industry-leading fuel efficiency and passenger comfort in their segment market will be a key effort for us to fulfill the plan."

"We are honored to welcome Donghai Airlines as our new 787 customer," said Ihssane Mounir, senior vice president, Sales, Northeast Asia, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 787-9 is a great addition to Donghai's single-aisle fleet, offering a superior passenger experience and comfort, exceptional efficiency and low operating costs

The 787-9 Dreamliner can fly 290 passengers up to 14,140 kilometers in a typical two-class configuration. The airplane will deliver unmatched fuel efficiency to Donghai airlines, enabling the carrier to expand the range and quantity of services on the long-haul market. The 787-9 leverages the visionary design of the 787-8, offering passenger pleasing features such as large, dimmable windows, large stow bins, modern LED lighting, higher humidity, a lower cabin altitude, cleaner air and a smoother ride.

Donghai Airlines started freighter operations in 2006. The carrier expanded to offer passenger services in 2014. Donghai Airlines currently has a fleet of 13 Boeing 737-800s serving for more than 10 cities across China. Donghai Airlines' fleet is expected to reach 15 airplanes by the end of this year. With extended air route network, the Shenzhen-based carrier is making great efforts to build a modern medium-scale airline with high quality.

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The Netherlands Ministry of Defence Awards AeroVironment Contract for Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Upgrades Valued at \$10.3 Million



AeroVironment, Inc, a global leader in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for both military and commercial applications, today announced the receipt of a contract from the Netherlands Ministry of Defence on October 14 for small UAS, upgrades and support

services totaling \$10,321,375. Delivery is anticipated within six months. The contract encompasses AeroVironment's entire family of fixed wing small UAS and includes Digital Data Link (DDL) upgrades to the Dutch forces' existing fleet of Raven[®] B systems, battle-proven Puma[™] AE,Wasp[®] AE Micro Air Vehicle (MAV), and Ground Control Systems (GCS), as well as comprehensive support services.

The Netherlands procured AeroVironment Raven systems for the first time in 2008.AeroVironment has provided support services to the Netherlands since 2008.

"The Dutch Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) evaluated our extensive operational experience with the AeroVironment Raven system against competing systems available both domestically and internationally," the DMO stated. "After careful deliberation and consideration of total value, DMO decided not only to upgrade our existing analog Raven systems with AeroVironment's digital data link, but also to procure the complete AeroVironment family of fixed wing small UAS.This builds on our initial investment and equips our forces with the most capable and reliable small UAS in the world."

"There is no greater statement of confidence in our company and our products than when customers place follow-on orders with us," said Kirk Flittie, AeroVironment vice president and general manager of its Unmanned Aircraft Systems business segment. "We are proud to provide the brave members of the Dutch armed forces with small UAS uniquely capable of helping them proceed with certainty, even in the most uncertain conditions."

About AeroVironment Small UAS

RQ-11B Raven[®], RQ-12 Wasp[®], RQ-20A and B Puma[™] and Shrike VTOL[™] comprise AeroVironment's Family of Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Operating with a common ground control system (GCS), this Family of Systems provides increased capability to the warfighter that can give ground commanders the option of selecting the appropriate aircraft based on the type of mission to be performed. This increased capability has the potential to provide significant force protection and force multiplication benefits to small tactical units and security personnel. AeroVironment provides logistics services worldwide to ensure a consistently high level of operational readiness and provides mission services for customers requiring only the information its small UAS produce. AeroVironment has delivered tens of thousands of new and replacement small unmanned air vehicles to customers within the United States and to more than 30 international governments.

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epicos.com DFS, LVNL and INDRA will implement the future technology that will manage German and **Dutch air traffic**

DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung (DFS) and Air Traffic Control the Netherlands (LVNL) have signed agreements with their technology partner INDRA to implement the iTEC Center Automation System (iCAS) to be deployed at all DFS Centers (Karlsruhe, Bremen, Munich and Langen) as well as the LVNL Center in Amsterdam.

The German and Dutch Air Navigation Service Providers DFS and LVNL have today each signed contracts with the technology supplier Indra at LVNL's headquarters at Schiphol in Amsterdam for the development and commissioning of the air traffic management systems known as iCAS (iTEC Center Automation System) at the control centers in Germany and at the Amsterdam center in the Netherlands. Indra, one of the world's leading global consulting and technology companies, will implement the next-generation systems that will manage air traffic in the airspace of Germany and the Netherlands.

These signatures kick off phase II of the iCAS project, which aims to equip the control centers in the lower airspace with a state-of-the-art solution to manage the airspace under their responsibility. This system complements the solution that Indra will implement at the Karlsruhe Upper Airspace Control Center in Germany, from which DFS controls flights above 24,500 feet (7.5 km) throughout most of Germany. Phase I of iCAS will replace the current P1/VAFORIT system, also supplied by Indra, that DFS has been using since December 2010 to manage the majority of flights passing through Germany.

The new agreements strengthen ties of the international iTEC collaboration in general and between DFS and LVNL in particular by fostering the development of a common air traffic management system, representing a milestone of enormous importance on the European level. Robert Schickling, COO of DFS and Chairman of the iTEC Board, said: "It is a unique opportunity to be able to develop a common air traffic management system together with our cooperation partner LVNL. It is only by means of common standards that we can reach a better level of interoperability between our systems. At the same time, we can achieve high costs savings by no longer having to develop and maintain numerous system lines in parallel. A further objective of this cooperation is to search for more partners to develop world-class air traffic management systems. Only by working together can we realise the vision of the Single European Sky (SES) and deliver more efficiency and higher service standards for the users of Europe's skies. This collaboration means significant cost savings for the two navigation services suppliers."

Michiel van Dorst (CEO of LVNL) said; "With the adoption of iCAS, we are building a new, innovative approach to the European air traffic control system. So that in the near future, flying will become more efficient and even safer at all levels. This is a great step forward in technology. This state-of-the-art air traffic control system will lead to fewer delays and reduced fuel consumption and CO2 emissions. For more effective utilisation of the Netherlands' airspace, iCAS will be used by both civil and military air traffic controllers."

iCAS is an air traffic management system adapted to the requirements stipulated by DFS and LVNL based on Indra's iTEC technology. DFS is one of the partners that fostered the creation of the iTEC alliance along with its British and Spanish counterparts, NATS and ENAIRE, and Indra as the technology supplier. Lithuania's Oro Navigacija, Norway's AVINOR and Poland's PANSA are the latest navigation services suppliers to join the alliance. iTEC is a highly advanced air traffic management system based on 4-dimensional trajectory-based flight management that provides major savings in terms of time and fuel, resulting in a reduction of both CO2 emissions and costs for airlines, in addition to increasing the total capacity of the system.

These control centers form part of the extensive European network of control centers, those with the most traffic and complexity, which are to roll out iTEC technology in the next 5 years, This will consolidate the network of iTEC centers as one of the main pillars of the European Single Sky and its SESAR technological pillar, in which the members of the iTEC Alliance play a leading role.

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Source: Epicos, LVNL

Moog Awarded Contract to Supply Advanced Turret Systems in Support of FNSS

Moog Inc. Space and Defense Group has been selected by FNSS Savunma Sistemleri A.S. as the sole provider for the Turret Drive System and other equipment for the SABER-25 Turret Programme. Moog high-performance turret and control systems hardware stabilizes the line-of-sight, increasing both weapon system effectiveness and lethality. Moog will produce more than 90 hardware ship sets that are scheduled to deliver to FNSS in Ankara, Turkey over the next two years.

"Moog is proud to have supported the SABER-25 program through the engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) phase since 2013," said Steve Darnell, Business Unit Director for Moog Defense Europe. "The key to success on the rapid development of this solution was the efficacious nature of the engineering collaboration between Moog and FNSS. The engineering expertise of the combined team enabled us to foresee and overcome challenges typical in a high performance application such as SABER-25."

SABER is a medium-caliber one-man power-operated turret that can be deployed on wheeled and tracked armored vehicles. The SABER turret incorporates the latest technologies in turret drives, fire control, protection and lethality. The compact dimensions

and light weight makes SABER a suitable choice for a wide range of armored vehicles. The main armament consists of an M242 25 mm Bushmaster dual-feed automatic cannon with 240 ready to fire rounds. The secondary armament is a 7.62 mm coaxial machine gun with 600 ready to fire rounds. The turret can be equipped with different sight systems with cooled thermal imagers, day optics or cameras and laser range finders to provide long-range day and night target detection. The fire control system enables accurate fires from the moving platform. The ceramic composite and armor steel armor package can be tailored to provide different degrees of ballistic protection.

"With its armament, target detection and accurate fire control systems, SABER was designed by taking the modern combat conditions and customer demands into consideration for a weapon system that can be integrated into both tracked and wheeled armored vehicles to provide effective lethality," said Brent Butcher, Assistant General Manager, FNSS.

About Moog

Moog Inc. is a worldwide designer, manufacturer, and integrator of precision control components and systems. Moog high-performance systems control military and commercial aircraft, satellites and space vehicles, launch vehicles, missiles, automated industrial machinery, wind energy, and marine products. Additional information about the company can be found at www.moog.com. Additional information about Moog Defense Sector can be found at www.moog.com/defense.

About FNSS

FNSS designs, develops, produces and supports tailored, reliable and cost-effective land combat system solutions. FNSS' product portfolio covers tracked and wheeled armored combat vehicles, combat engineering vehicles and weapon systems. FNSS delivered more than 3.000 armored vehicles to armed forces worldwide. Additional information about FNSS can be found at www.fnss.com.tr.

Source: Epicos, Moog Inc.

GKN Aerospace and Spirit AeroSystems extend multiple contracts worth over USD70m

GKN Aerospace has gained contract extensions covering the supply of titanium machined parts for Boeing 737 and 777 aircraft, worth over USD70m. The agreements, with Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. extend and expand the company's existing work on these programmes.

GKN Aerospace has been successfully supplying a number of titanium machined parts to Spirit AeroSystems for these programmes for more than a decade. Products include cockpit window frames for both airframes and seat tracks for the 777. Fabrication of all items will continue to be performed at GKN Aerospace's Advanced Machined Structures (AMS) facility in Wellington, KS, USA.

Brian DeCamp, VP and General Manager of the GKN Aerospace-AMS commented: "We believe the continuation and growth of our production involvement in these programmes is clear evidence of the quality and consistency of the service we are delivering - and of the strength of our working relationship with Spirit. We recognize and appreciate the continued confidence that Spirit has demonstrated in our team in placing these contract extensions with us."

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Source: Epicos, GKN Aerospace

Harris Corporation Signs Definitive Agreement to Sell its CapRock Communications Business to SpeedCast International for \$425 Million

Harris Corporation and SpeedCast International Limited today announced a definitive agreement under which SpeedCast will acquire Harris' CapRock Communications commercial business for \$425 million in cash. Proceeds from the transaction will be used to pay down debt and return cash to shareholders. The transaction is subject to regulatory review and other customary closing conditions and is expected to close in the first calendar quarter of 2017.

"One of Harris' key priorities over the past several years has been to reshape our portfolio and focus on businesses where technology is a differentiator," said William M. Brown, chairman, president and chief executive officer. "The sale of CapRock, which has been underway since early this calendar year, demonstrates our execution against this objective and will create value for shareholders. We will continue to optimize our portfolio to become a more focused company positioned for long-term growth."

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, CapRock is a premier global provider of managed satellite, terrestrial and wireless communications solutions for the cruise and energy markets. The business owns and operates a robust global infrastructure that includes teleports on six continents, four 24/7 customer support centers, a local presence in 24 countries and hundreds of global field service personnel supporting customer locations across North America, Central and South America, Europe, West Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific. Learn more at harriscaprock.com.

About SpeedCast International Limited

SpeedCast International Limited (ASX: SDA) is a leading global satellite communications and network service provider that is redefining connectivity around the world. Driven by its

customer-first mindset and passion for leveraging communications technology to advance the government and enterprise customers it serves, SpeedCast has built an unsurpassed global satellite network and has expanded its infrastructure and presence to 42 sales and operations offices and 39 teleports across every region in the world. Operating on the core belief that it's the people behind the technology that makes the difference, SpeedCast combines deep expertise with fast, reliable, genuine service—ensuring that its customers' communications needs are always met; anytime and anywhere in the world. For more information, visit: <u>www.speedcast.com</u>.

About Harris Corporation

Harris Corporation is a leading technology innovator, solving customers' toughest missioncritical challenges by providing solutions that connect, inform and protect. Harris supports customers in more than 100 countries and has approximately \$7.5 billion in annual revenue and 21,000 employees worldwide. The company is organized into four business segments: Communication Systems, Space and Intelligence Systems, Electronic Systems and Critical Networks. Learn more at <u>harris.com</u>.

Source: Epicos, Harris Corporation

Russian Helicopters signs contract to deliver 18 helicopters to China by 2018

Russian Helicopters, part of State Corporation Rostec, signed a contract with Wuhan Rand Aviation Technology Service Co. Ltd. for the supply of 18 new helicopters including Mi-171s, Ka-32s and Ansat. The document was signed by Deputy CEO for Marketing and Business Development Alexander Shcherbinin and Wuhan Rand Aviation Technology Service Co. Ltd. CEO Liang Jian.

Per the agreement, Wuhan Rand Aviation Technology Service ordered two light Ansat helicopters in medevac mode, two Mi-171s and one Ka-32 with an option for another 13 vehicles (3 Ka-32s, 4 Mi-171s and 6 ANSATs). The first units will be delivered to the customer in 2017. By the end of 2018, Russian Helicopters is planning to supply Wuhan Rand Aviation Technology Service all 18 helicopters.

"China is one of the oldest operators of Russian helicopters and our reliable partner. This is our first contract with Wuhan Rand Aviation Technology Service and we hope that our cooperation will be long and fruitful, "- said Russian Helicopters Deputy CEO Alexander Shcherbinin.

Ka-32 helicopters have been used in China for several years for fire and rescue missions. Based on a coaxial scheme, this helicopter is considered to be one of the best rotorcraft to deal with strong fires in urban conditions. It has proved itself well in China's highlands and large modern metro areas. Mi-171 Helicopters have also been used throughout China for a long time - for transportation and evacuation of people from disaster zones, as well as for transportation of various goods including medical supplies, humanitarian aid and construction materials. Russian Helicopters will be delivering a medevac Ansat to China for the first time.

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Source: Epicos, Russian Helicopters