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Red Cross AMS Of South Africa Orders Four AW119 Ke Helicopters

AgustaWestland is pleased to announce that the Red Cross Air Mercy Service (AMS) of South Africa has ordered four AW119 Ke single engine helicopters. These helicopters will be used for EMS and rescue tasks from bases across the country.

This order marks the entrance of the AW119 Ke in the South African EMS market and further strengthens the company's presence in the Sub-Saharan commercial helicopter market. AgustaWestland has achieved growing success in Africa with its commercial product range in recent years and sees growing business opportunities in the region in the future.

The AW119 Ke 2.8 ton single engine helicopter offers operators unmatched performance and a payload/range capability that makes it an unrivalled helicopter in its class. The AW119 Ke is ideally suited to carry our EMS missions thanks to the roomiest cabin in its category, its high cruise speed, long range and power for the most demanding hot and high operational conditions.

Over 170 helicopters have been ordered to date in more than 20 countries by almost 80 customers to perform roles such as EMS, VIP/corporate transport, offshore transport, law enforcement and utility.

The SA Red Cross Air Mercy Service (AMS) is a non-profit organisation with bases in Cape Town, Oudtshoorn, Durban, Richard's Bay, Nelspruit, Bloemfontein and Kimberley that provide an air ambulance network, rural health outreach and emergency rescue service to metropolitan areas and remote rural communities. Since its inception in 1966, the AMS has expanded its services to provide a comprehensive emergency aero-medical and rescue service to the Western Cape and Mpumalanga and health outreach programmes to the more remote communities of KwaZulu-Natal and the Northern Cape, who previously had little or no access to basic healthcare services.

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