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Boeing and Lufthansa Technik sign agreement for German Armed Forces' new CH-47F Chinook heavy-lift helicopter sustainment

- **Preparations for comprehensive warehousing and parts logistics services across Germany**
- **Chinook intended to become first ever rotary-wing aircraft in Lufthansa Technik's MRO portfolio**

Boeing and Lufthansa Technik Defense have agreed general terms for their roles in sustaining Germany's new CH-47F Block II Chinook heavy-lift helicopters. The agreement signed at the Farnborough International Airshow this Wednesday forms the base for the future sustainment for Germany's Chinook fleet and establishes the framework for a main contract under which Lufthansa Technik, together with Boeing, will set up an agile network of parts warehouses to support the operating bases for the CH-47Fs.

"This agreement marks an important step forward in ensuring sustained readiness of the German CH-47F Chinook fleet across different bases," said Torbjorn "Turbo" Sjogren, Vice President & General Manager, Boeing Global Services – Government Services. "By combining Boeing's sustainment expertise with Lufthansa Technik's logistics and MRO capabilities, we will establish a resilient solution to maximize aircraft availability."

Through its subsidiary Lufthansa Technik Logistik Services, Lufthansa Technik brings decades of experience in time-critical spare parts logistics; Boeing and Lufthansa Technik will combine that logistics expertise with Boeing's platform knowledge to deliver tailored parts provisioning, transport and warehousing for the German Armed Forces. It is also intended that Lufthansa Technik will manage the supply of Consumables and Expendables (C&E) for the German Chinooks.

"This agreement is a significant milestone, making the Chinook the first ever rotary-wing aircraft to join Lufthansa Technik's MRO portfolio. With our tailored parts logistics expertise, we will make a significant contribution to ensuring the high level of operational readiness that is essential for the sovereign German sustainment of the U.S.-procured Chinook fleet," said Michael von Puttkamer, Senior Vice President Special Aircraft & Defense at Lufthansa Technik. "The resilience of the parts supply chain is key to this endeavor, and with our industry-leading logistics concepts, we are confident that we can reduce spare-parts-related downtime to a minimum."

The CH-47F agreement represents a further collaboration between Boeing and Lufthansa Technik Defense on technical sustainment for German military assets procured through the U.S. foreign military sales program. In autumn 2025, Boeing and Lufthansa Technik Defense signed a comprehensive sustainment services program for the German Navy's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and anti-submarine warfare aircraft. Spanning aircraft checks, component support and engine condition monitoring through to technical training and qualification, that program demonstrates how the two companies together contribute to the technical availability and mission readiness of Germany's largest airborne weapon systems.

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About Boeing in Germany:

Boeing has been a reliable partner of the German aviation and aerospace industry for decades. Across its locations in Germany, the company invests in an expanding portfolio of research, development, and technology projects, as well as distribution services. In doing so, Boeing works closely with German universities, research institutions, and suppliers. With more than 100 partners and subcontractors contributing to all civil Boeing aircraft, Boeing secures over 23,000 jobs across Germany. In addition, Boeing has been a trusted industry partner to the German Bundeswehr for many years. With the P-8A Poseidon and the CH-47F Block II Chinook, Boeing provides the Bundeswehr with state-of-the-art aviation systems designed for a wide range of operational scenarios. Maintenance, system integration, and training are carried out in close collaboration with the German aviation and defense industries – advancing technology-driven value creation in Germany.

About Lufthansa Technik Defense:

Since 2023, Lufthansa Technik AG has underscored its strategic decision to increase its involvement in the market for the maintenance and modification of military aircraft through its Lufthansa Technik Defense brand. It encompasses all defense-related activities for the German Armed Forces and its NATO partners. Within this framework, the company is part of the industry teams in various current modernization and procurement programs for the air and naval forces. This includes programs such as the Boeing P-8A Poseidon for the German Navy and the Persistent German Airborne Surveillance System (PEGASUS) as well as the CH-47 Chinook heavy-lift transport helicopter for the German Airforce. Furthermore, Lufthansa Technik Defense has signed a memorandum of understanding with Lockheed Martin, Rheinmetall, and ESG regarding technical support for the future German fleet of F-35 fighter jets.

About Lufthansa Technik:

The Lufthansa Technik Group is one of the leading providers of technical aircraft services in the world. Certified internationally as maintenance, production and design organization, the company employs more than 23,000 people in dozens of locations around the globe. Lufthansa Technik offers the full range of services for commercial, VIP and special mission aircraft. The portfolio includes maintenance, repair, overhaul and modification of airframes, engines, components and landing gears, as well as the manufacture of innovative cabin products and digital fleet support.

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