

Press Release

PEGASUS AERO GROUP AND SKYCONNECT LEASING LAUNCH A NEW ERA OF EMERGENCY AVIATION THROUGH A LONG-TERM MULTI-AIRCRAFT UH60 BLACKHAWK LEASE AGREEMENT

This strategic commitment to the UH-60 Black Hawk reflects Pegasus and SkyConnect's vision in the potential of heavy-lift helicopters to meet the growing demand for firefighting and emergency-response operations in Europe and Latin America.

Córdoba (Spain) / Dublin (Ireland), 05 August 2026. Pegasus Aero Group and SkyConnect Leasing have entered into a strategic agreement and signed a long-term multi-aircraft lease agreement to add UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters for wildfire suppression, civil protection and emergency-response operations. The agreement combines Pegasus's operational expertise with SkyConnect's dedicated Black Hawk leasing platform, enabling Pegasus to develop new capabilities for the European and Latin American markets. The transaction is a milestone in Pegasus's growth plan and strengthens the company's position in the heavy-lift helicopter segment, a category that has historically played an essential role in demanding aerial missions. By adding a significant number of UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, Pegasus—one of Europe's leading aerial emergency operators—underscores the importance of high-capacity, high-performance and highly versatile aircraft in addressing the challenges posed by increasingly intense and prolonged fire seasons in Europe and Latin America.

The first helicopters will be delivered from March 2027 under a long-term lease signed by the two companies. The programme also provides for future fleet growth and close collaboration between the two companies on developing operational capabilities associated with the Black Hawk platform.

The decision to commit to the UH-60 Black Hawk aligns with an increasing demand in Europe, where high-capacity aircraft are required for water-dropping and other emergency services. The selected model combines high payload capacity, reliability, availability and flexibility for complex missions.

Through this strategic agreement, Pegasus strengthens its heavy-lift helicopter operations, a segment in which it has accumulated more than 12,000 flight hours over its 60-year history. The addition of these aircraft will take Pegasus's fleet beyond 140 aeroplanes and helicopters for firefighting, rescue and medical-emergency missions.

SkyConnect Leasing is a specialized aviation lessor focused on mission-critical aircraft for emergency response operations. The company has developed a dedicated Blackhawk leasing platform for firefighting, combining flexible financing, aircraft availability and specialised support for experienced operators that need to deploy capabilities quickly and efficiently.

Miguel Angel Tamarit Almagro, Vice President and Head of Business Development, said: ***‘The addition of the UH-60 Black Hawk represents far more than the arrival of a new aircraft. It strengthens Pegasus’s position in the heavy-lift helicopter segment and our ability to meet our customers’ future needs. We are investing in a platform with an outstanding operational record that is becoming an international benchmark for firefighting and emergency missions. SkyConnect shares our long-term vision and brings deep knowledge of the international Black Hawk market. This agreement gives us access to distinctive capabilities and enables us to accelerate our growth plan with a sound and sustainable financial structure.’***

Patrick Moulay CEO of SkyConnect Leasing said ***“Pegasus is an exceptional operator with decades of experience in aerial firefighting and emergency-response missions. This long-term agreement validates SkyConnect specialist leasing model and demonstrates the role that we can play in delivering proven, high-capacity aircraft into service where they are needed most. We are proud to support Pegasus’s growth and to establish a partnership that strengthens wildfire-response capability in Spain and across Europe.”***

About Pegasus Aero Group

Pegasus Aero Group is a Spanish multinational specializing in critical aerial services, including aerial firefighting, emergency response, search and rescue, air ambulance operations, aircraft maintenance, and other mission-critical aviation activities. With more than 60 years of experience and over 350,000 flight hours accumulated throughout its history, the Group has established itself as one of the leading aerial operators in Europe and Latin America.

Pegasus operates a fleet of more than 130 fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, supported by its own operational and maintenance infrastructure across five countries. The Group generates annual revenues exceeding €120 million and provides employment to approximately 650 professionals.

During the current wildfire season, Pegasus has deployed more than 100 aircraft across Europe dedicated exclusively to aerial firefighting operations, positioning the Group among the continent’s largest specialized operators in this sector. In addition to its operational activities, Pegasus operates a comprehensive Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) platform serving both civil and defense customers, supporting some of the most demanding aviation missions worldwide.

About SkyConnect Leasing

SkyConnect Leasing is a specialised aviation lessor focused on mission-critical aircraft for emergency-response operations. The company provides operators with access to aircraft and flexible leasing solutions designed for demanding operational environments. Its initial investment programme is centred on Black Hawk helicopters for aerial firefighting and related emergency missions. Visit <https://skyconnectleasing.com/>.

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