

## **SkyConnect Leasing Activates Black Hawk Fleet with Strategic Commercial Agreements Across Europe**

**Atlanta, USA – 11 March 2026** – SkyConnect Leasing the operational subsidiary of Skyrise Aviation Group today announced the signing of strategic commercial agreements with leading Top-Tier aerial firefighting operators, confirming phased deployment of its Blackhawk helicopter fleet across Europe.

All eight aircraft delivered to SkyConnect have been allocated for operational deployment during the 2026 fire season. Operations will commence in Southern Europe and selected Central European markets under multi-year collaboration frameworks supporting national wildfire response programs.

*“Europe has a shortage of heavy helicopters solution and lacks a flexible structure to connect those type of assets to the operators who need them. In less than six months, SkyConnect has placed its entire 2026 fleet with leading operators on the ground. That is exactly what we built this company to do,”* said Patrick Moulay Co-Founder and CEO of SkyConnect Leasing.

In parallel, SkyConnect has strategically placed additional aircraft from its 12-helicopter fleet for 2027 deployment across Iberia region, and Turkey, marking the next phase of the company’s Mediterranean expansion strategy.

*“Entire 2026 fleet placed, multi-year frameworks signed, 2027 already in motion. In aviation leasing, the gap between asset acquisition and first revenue is where most of the risk lives. We closed that gap before the first fire season. That is the foundation we are building on,”* said Emilio Sanchez, Co-Founder and CFO of SkyConnect Leasing.

The agreements reflect strong structural demand for modern Blackhawk platforms capable of high-intensity wildfire suppression missions, particularly in climate-vulnerable European regions.

SkyConnect continues to advance discussions in additional territories as it scales its dedicated Black Hawk firefighting leasing operations.

### **About SkyConnect Leasing**

SkyConnect Leasing is the operational subsidiary of Skyrise Aviation Group, established to bring helicopter fleet to market through flexible, mission-ready leasing structures. The company connects asset owners, operators, and mission-critical clients in a single ecosystem, with an initial focus on aerial firefighting and a model designed to expand across critical aviation segments.

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