

Alenia North America continues G222 aircraft deliveries to Afghanistan Air Force

Washington, DC – September 20, 2011 – Alenia North America, a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica group, announced that it has delivered aircraft 12, 13 and 14 of the 20 G222 aircraft ordered by the U.S. Air Force (USAF) to the Afghanistan Air Force (AAF). One aircraft deployed to Kabul earlier this month and the second and third will deploy before the end of September. These aircraft will continue to be used by the USAF and the AAF to conduct mission operations in Afghanistan.

The AAF G222 fleet has flown over 4,700 hours. The missions have been dedicated to providing humanitarian aid, MEDEVAC and security to Afghanistan.

Two of the G222 that have been delivered to the AAF are in a VIP configuration; these aircraft have already been used to support VIP transport within the country.

“Alenia North America is looking forward to continuing to be involved in the G222 program in future years,” said John Young, chief executive officer of Alenia North America. “The G222 has become the backbone of the country’s growing Air Force and has provided vital support to ongoing missions in Afghanistan.”

About the G222 AAF Program

Alenia North America is under contract with the United States Air Force to supply 20 refurbished G222 aircraft for the AAF. The refurbished aircraft are in use by the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan (CSTC-A) and will be transferred by the NATO Air Training Command-Afghanistan (NATC-A) in Kabul to the reconstituted AAF.

Alenia North America, as prime contractor, is responsible for program management and management of logistics support while the aircraft are being refurbished and modernized by its parent company Alenia Aeronautica in its Capodichino facility near Naples, Italy. Additionally, Alenia North America is responsible for providing contract logistics support and contractor operated and maintained base supply operations for the G222 program in Afghanistan.

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