AIRBUS AWARDED CONTRACT TO RETROFIT 26 BUNDESWEHR CH-53 HELICOPTERS

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Airbus Helicopters has received an order from the Federal Office of Bundeswehr Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support (BAAINBw) to retrofit 26 CH-53 heavy transport helicopters. This contract will cover obsolescence management for components that are no longer available on the market and will begin by replacing them with up-to-date parts.

This retrofit will guarantee the helicopters' operation until at least 2030. The process will start in 2017 and should be completed by 2022. Work will be carried out in Donauworth at Airbus Helicopters' Military Support Center Germany.

"This order enables both the German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) and also our Donauwörth plant to plan ahead with certainty," said Wolfgang Schoder, CEO of Airbus Helicopters Deutschland. "Airbus Helicopters has been the German specialist for maintaining, repairing and modernising heavy transport helicopters for decades. We have the necessary infrastructure, highly trained professionals and can guarantee supply for all Bundeswehr models."

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