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## The H215 showcases its robustness and performance in Latin America

- The H215 begins its demo tour of Argentina, Chile and Peru
- Civil and military customers will experience the multi-mission capabilities of this powerful helicopter first-hand

Buenos Aires (Argentina), April 19, 2016 – The H215 heavy helicopter, a member of the Super Puma family, will be demonstrating its multi-mission capabilities and performance for aerial work in high & hot conditions during a demo tour of Latin America.

The demo flights will begin tomorrow in Argentina and will then continue in Chile before finishing in Peru. During this three-week tour, both civil and military customers in the region will be invited to discover the versatility of the helicopter.

The H215 provides advanced avionics in a reliable and sturdy platform capable of performing a wide range of missions. It offers long-range capabilities, power, speed, an excellent useful payload as well as an availability rate of more than 95 percent. Both EASA and FAA certified, the H215 is equipped with cutting-edge technology that meets the latest safety requirements of the market. This includes a glass cockpit and the renowned 4-axis autopilot used on the H225, which provides flight envelope protection, unrivalled precision and stability even in the harshest operating conditions.

"The H215 represents a new business concept. Changes to our industrial organization allow us to offer a powerful and modern helicopter at a very competitive price, with optimized lead times and major flexibility in terms of optional equipment," said Alexandre Ceccacci, Managing Director of Airbus Helicopters in Cono Sur. "It's the ideal option for customers in the region looking for a cost-effective helicopter with multi-mission capabilities."

The H215 is tailored for a full range of missions, in particular aerial work with internal and external loads, fire fighting, law enforcement, medical evacuation, SAR, and humanitarian missions.

The UN and several Latin American Armed Forces are among the customers having selected the H215 or its military version – H215M- for its cost efficiency, long range capabilities and outstanding performance in high and hot environments.

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