

Government Signs Helicopter Contract with AugustaWestland Inc. (AWI)

The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (GORTT) and AugustaWestland Inc. recently entered a contract, under which AWI would supply the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard with four (4) AW 139 Medium Twin- Turbine helicopters. AWI would also be providing associated training and maintenance support services at a negotiated cost of US\$347.820 million or TT\$2.191 billion.



Under this contract, the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard would ultimately have full responsibility for ensuring the effectiveness of its operations through the receipt of an air operator certification and approved maintenance organization issued by the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA).

Signing Time: Mr. Giacoma Saponaro, Senior Vice President of AugustWestland Inc. signs the agreement as Finance Minister Karen Nunez- Tesheira looks on.

The pending delivery of the **three (3)** Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), **six (6)** Fast Patrol Craft (FPC) and the **six (6)** Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) combined with the **four (4)** helicopters and with the build-out of appropriate berthing facilities and the establishment of an integrated maritime maintenance facility should provide the country with a security umbrella consistent with **2020 Vision**.



The first two helicopters are expected to be delivered by September 2010 and the other two the following year in September 2011.

Finance Minister Karen Nunez- Tesheira and Mr. Giacoma Saponaro display a model of the AW 139 Medium Twin- Turbine Helicopter.

The signing ceremony took place on Monday 29th June 2009 at the Ministry of Finance, Eric Williams Finance Building, with the Honourable Karen Nunez- Teshira, Minister of Finance signing on behalf of the GORTT and Mr. Giacoma Saponaro, Senior Vice President of AugustaWestland Inc.

