



*Piney Flats, TN (April 1, 2015)* - K Aircraft Leasing Inc is proud to announce that acceptance inspections have been completed for two new Bell 429 helicopters. Harvey Cash, Vice President of K Aircraft Leasing, signed the final documents today at the Bell completion facility at Piney Flats.

These two new helicopters will be provided to Al-Safwa Security and Defense Systems for operation on behalf of the Ministry of Health in Kuwait for Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS).

These are the first Bell 429s configured for HEMS in the Middle East.

Steve Suttles, vice president and director of Middle East and African sales, Bell Helicopter, said: 'This organization has been able to assemble this complex life-saving program in just a short amount of time... The Bell 429 will provide the advanced support and exceptional performance they need during these demanding missions.'

Ali Al-Fodari, managing director, Al-Safwa, said: 'We chose the Bell 429 because it is the best platform for HEMS operations in the Middle East, offering a large cabin with a fully flat floor providing the ability to quickly change the cabin configuration.'

The Bell 429 is one of the most advanced light twin helicopters ever developed, offering a fully integrated glass cockpit with advanced drive system and best-in-class WAAS navigation and IFR capability. Additional safety features include a collective mounted throttle, damage tolerant hub and rotor system, and energy attenuating seats. It is the first helicopter certified through the MSG-3 process, resulting in reduced maintenance costs for operators.