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Estonia Confirms Purchase of Four New R44 Helicopters

Torrance, CA — The Estonian Air Force has ordered four Robinson R44 helicopters for delivery this year. Two of the aircraft are fully equipped Police Helicopters which include Infrared sensor and Zoom Color TV camera, fold-down monitor, VHS recorder, searchlight, dual audio controller, dual band receiver and two Comm radios, GPS, transponder, and observation doors.

The other two aircraft are float-equipped R44 Clippers. One will have fixed utility floats, and the other will have pop-out floats. Robinson will also provide training for the crews and maintenance staff.

The delivery of the four R44 helicopters will double the fleet of the Estonian Air Force and the Border Guard Department. The latter has two airworthy Mi-8 helicopters, and two nonflying

Mi-8s. The air force had three Mi-2 light helicopters, which are no longer airworthy. The total contract is valued at approximately \$2 million, and the first helicopter is scheduled for delivery to the Amari Air Force Base in May 2002. The primary missions for all four aircraft will be training, liaison and observation flights. The two helicopters with Infrared cameras will be used for search missions, as well.

Robinson Helicopter Company is the world's leading manufacturer of civil helicopters and builds the two-seat Model R22 and the four-seat Model R44. Robinson helicopters are used throughout the world for a variety of private, business and commercial operations. For more information about Robinson, visit on-line at <http://www.robinsonheli.com>.

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