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R44 Receives Russian Certification

Torrance, CA — The Robinson R44 will be the first U.S. manufactured helicopter approved by Russia and the other states of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). A highly-qualified, fourteen-member team from the CIS Interstate Aviation Committee spent a week and a half in Torrance, California at the Robinson Helicopter factory completing the Type Certification review for the R44. In addition to the Russian team, personnel from the FAA and an engineer from Lycoming, the powerplant manufacturer, participated in the technical review. Russian test pilot, Yuriy Zimin, was very impressed with the flying qualities of the R44, especially its easy autorotation characteristics.

GALS Helicopter Company, the Robinson dealer in Russia, has already taken delivery of four R44s and has placed orders for three more. Robinson anticipates a large market for the R44 in Russia due to its economical operating cost and high reliability.

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