

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Helicopters: strategic and efficient allies in the construction of electrical networks in hard-to-reach areas**

- Aerial technology has become a key factor in optimizing time and resources in the development of energy projects throughout the country. In this context, helicopters have established themselves as strategic allies in the execution of projects that ensure modernization and sustainability of the energy supply.

**Santiago, Chile.** In a context of constant growth in the National Electric System, which stretches from Arica to Chiloé, the construction of power transmission lines plays a fundamental role in guaranteeing energy supply throughout the country. Today, helicopters have established themselves as strategic allies for companies in the sector, thanks to their ability to optimize time and resources in the execution of complex and large-scale projects.

The use of helicopters in the construction of towers and power lines offers multiple advantages over traditional methods. First, it allows access to difficult-to-reach geographical areas, such as mountains, forests, or deserts, facilitating the deployment of infrastructure in remote locations. Furthermore, the speed and precision of aerial operations significantly reduce construction times, resulting in cost savings and greater efficiency in project development.

*"The use of helicopters in the installation of electrical grids is an efficient solution for the energy sector. We are committed to this aerial innovation, which will continue to play a key role in the development of Chile's electrical infrastructure, enabling sustainable and reliable energy delivery," said **Francisco Arriagada, commercial manager of Ecocopter+Helisul.***

Helicopters are versatile tools that adapt to various stages of the installation process, from transporting heavy materials and equipment to laying cables and erecting towers. Their ability to fly at low altitudes and maneuver in tight spaces makes them indispensable for high-precision work, such as placing insulators and adjusting structures, among other tasks.

*"We have a fleet of state-of-the-art helicopters and a team of highly trained professionals who carry out projects with the highest safety and quality standards. Our experience in the sector allows us to offer optimal solutions tailored to our clients' specific needs," added **Arriagada.***

According to the National Electricity Coordinator, 68% of electricity generation in 2024 came from renewable energy, and several projects are underway to expand the transmission system, with the goal of ensuring that this sector will be reliable, sustainable, inclusive, and competitive by 2050. In this regard, *"the use of helicopters for specialized services in transmission projects contributes to accelerating the transition toward a cleaner and more sustainable energy model in Chile, facilitating the connection of renewable energy projects to the electricity grid, which undoubtedly contributes to the country's development," emphasizes **Arriagada.***