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## The joint venture SENER-Babcock obtains 2017 Avion Revue Award for Excellence in helicopters for the modernization program of the AB-212 for the Spanish Navy

• The Awards for Excellence in the aerospace sector recognize companies that have stood out during 2017 for the achievement, development or introduction of significant advances in their sector and/or excellent performance in their area of activity.

• The magazine has recognized the joint venture's good work in the operational life extension program of seven Agusta-Bell AB-212 helicopters for the Spanish Navy.

Madrid (Spain), 7 February 2018 - The joint venture formed by the engineering and technology group <u>SENER</u> and <u>Babcock Spain</u> has been awarded a prize by the technical publication Avion Revue in the first Spanish edition of the Excellence Awards in the aerospace sector. Specifically, the magazine has recognized the joint venture's good work in the <u>AB-212 helicopter program to extend their operational</u> <u>life</u> for the Spanish Navy, by awarding it the Avion Revue 2017 Excellence prize in the 'Helicopters' category.

Avion Revue has held the Excellence Awards in the aerospace sector for the first time in 2017. Divided by sectors, these awards recognize the companies that have stood out during the year for the achievement, development or introduction of significant advances in their sector and/or for an excellent performance in their field of activity.

As the prize itself recognizes, Avion Revue has awarded this prize to SENER-Babcock for its role in the lifecycle extension program (PEVH AB-212) of the seven Agusta-Bell AB-212 helicopters of the Spanish Navy, which will extend their service life by at least 15 years by incorporating advancements in equipment and avionics. In addition to the replacement of all the electrical systems and replacing the analogue cockpit with a fully digitized one, the project includes the incorporation of new capabilities such as radar, GPS navigation, the night-vision system, and self-protection and self-defense means.

In this update, SENER is responsible for the design, integration and general engineering, while Babcock is responsible for part of the design, the installation at their facilities in Albacete (Spain), ground and flight-testing, as well as the certification process with the National Institute of Aerospace Technology (INTA). The first helicopter was delivered in December 2015, and afterwards two aircrafts per year have been supplied. The last two units will be delivered in 2018.

Thanks to this program, the helicopters will be able to operate without restriction in controlled military and civilian airspaces, in compliance with the requirement of new regulations, as well as giving them self-protection and defense systems that will allow them to be deployed in multinational missions with a low-medium threat level.

Founded in 1982, Avion Revue is a magazine specializing in commercial, general and military aviation with a presence in Spain and Latin America.

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## About SENER

SENER is a private engineering and technology business group founded in 1956. Its aim is to offer its clients the most advanced technological solutions and to achieve international recognition based on its independence and commitment to innovation and quality. SENER has almost 2,500 professionals across its centers in Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, South Korea, Chile, China, Colombia, the United Arab Emirates, Spain, the United States, Morocco, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, the United Kingdom and South Africa. The group's operating revenue exceeded 910 million euros (2016 data).

SENER brings together its own Engineering and Construction activities with industrial holdings in companies working in the field of Aeronautics and Energy & Environment. In the field of Engineering and Construction, SENER has become a leading company worldwide in the fields of Aerospace; Infrastructure and Transport; Renewables, Power, Oil & Gas; and Marine.

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## About Avion Revue

Avion Revue is the leader aviation magazine in Spain and Latin America. It is the only commercial, general and military aviation publication with audited circulation by OJD. Founded in 1982, currently belongs to Key Publishing, one of the largest worldwide publishing groups specialized in aviation and transport publications, with presence in more than 200 countries.

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