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Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited
SMFL Helicopters Limited

Launch of SMFL Helicopters and Appointment of New CEO

Sumitomo Mitsui Finance and Leasing Company, Limited (President: Tetsuro Imaeda, hereinafter "SMFL") is pleased to announce that its subsidiary helicopter leasing business, formerly known as SMFL LCI Helicopters Limited (hereinafter "former SMFLH"), has rebranded to SMFL Helicopters Limited (hereinafter "SMFLH"). SMFLH has integrated its operations with Macquarie Rotorcraft Limited (hereinafter "MRL"), acquired in May 2025, and has commenced operations under a new structure. John Petkovic, formerly the CEO of MRL, has been appointed as CEO Designate of SMFLH *.

In June 2020, SMFL, in collaboration with LCI Investments Limited (hereinafter "LCI"), a consolidated subsidiary of Libra Group, established the former SMFLH, a company engaged in helicopter operating leases, thus entering the helicopter leasing business. In April 2023, SMFL acquired 35% of LCI's shares, expanding its business foundation primarily in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, with focus on a fleet deployed on mission-critical operations across the globe including emergency medical services, offshore personnel transport, and search and rescue. Furthermore, in March 2025, SMFL, through former SMFLH, entered into an agreement to acquire MRL, Macquarie Asset Management's helicopter leasing business, and acquired MRL in May 2025.

In December 2025, SMFL acquired all shares of the former SMFLH held by LCI, making the former SMFLH a wholly-owned subsidiary. Following the approval of the MRL acquisition by the UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) in November 2025, the full-scale business integration of the former SMFLH and MRL commenced in March 2026.

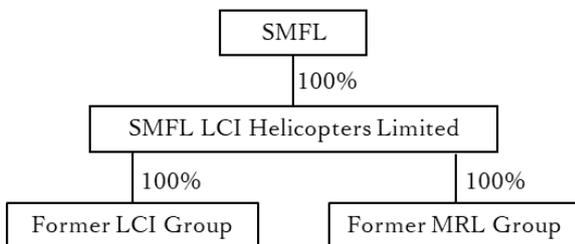
As a result of this business integration, SMFLH will have a total fleet of around 290 aircraft on order and in service. By combining the high expertise and extensive knowledge of the helicopter leasing business possessed by LCI and MRL with SMFL's financial foundation and creditworthiness, we aim for further growth. We will continue to build a portfolio of aircraft focused on emergency medical services, search and rescue, and offshore personnel transport, and enhance our capabilities in helicopter deployment and customer proposals across regions and missions.

SMFLH has set a medium- to long-term goal of becoming a global premier lessor in the helicopter leasing industry by 2030. We aim to achieve sustainable growth and enhance corporate value by steadily accumulating the effects of business integration.

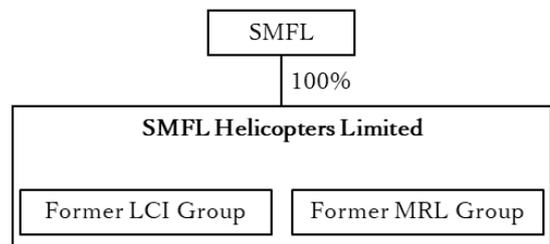
【Overview of SMFLH】

Name of Company	SMFL Helicopters Limited
Location	North Dock Two, 93/94 North Wall Quay, Dublin, Ireland
Establishment	June, 2020
Shareholder	SMFL 100%
Business	Helicopter leasing business
Fleet Size	Around 290 Helicopters
Chairman	Crispin Maunder (Former Chairman of LCI)
CEO	John Petkovic * (Career History) 1998: PwC (Australia) 2000: Family office of former Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Nick Greiner 2003: Corporate Strategy, AWAS, Morgan Stanley 2006: M&A, Macquarie Transportation Finance 2009: Corporate Finance, Macquarie Transportation Finance 2012: CFO, Macquarie AirFinance 2015: CFO, Macquarie AirFinance and CEO, Macquarie Rotorcraft 2019: CEO, Macquarie Rotorcraft

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【SMFLH Brand Logo】

The new brand logo consists of three flowing, precise helicopter blades, symbolising the collaboration of SMFL, LCI, and MRL to lead the helicopter leasing industry as one team.



* Pending completion of protocols between SMFLH and SMFL, and requirements related to his re-location to Dublin, and it is anticipated that he will formally assume the position of CEO later in 2026.

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