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- Seasoned industry professional joins LCI to promote helicopter leasing -

18th September, 2013 – Experienced industry executive Mark Kelly has been appointed *Vice President – Marketing* at Lease Corporation International (LCI). With a particular focus on the Europe, Middle East and Africa regions, he brings his combined years as a senior executive in the sector as well as his extensive helicopter piloting experience to both LCI and its leasing customers.

Joining this week, Mr Kelly will be based in the firm's Dublin office with a remit to cover both helicopter marketing and business development. Mark's unique experience as a helicopter pilot and an executive with one of the largest and most diverse helicopter operators in the world will bring particular value to LCI's customers.

Prior to joining LCI Mark Kelly was the managing Director of CHC in Ireland where his main responsibility was the safe, efficient and compliant operation of the search & rescue service for the Irish Coast Guard. Having led the bid for the contract, he was involved with its fleet replacement process, including team, management and project innovation. In addition he was central to the establishment of CHC's Dublin-based aircraft leasing division, serving as a director on the board of the unit from its formation. As a search & rescue commander, Mark flew over 250 missions and was awarded by the Irish State for his part in the FV Celestial Dawn rescue when it ran aground in 2002.

Mike Platt, LCI's Chief Executive Officer, says: "Mark brings a wealth of expertise to LCI and will be a huge asset to our helicopter leasing division. It is always good to have someone with commercial and flying experience on the team and Mark Kelly is particularly distinguished in that regard."

Mark Kelly says: "This is a very exciting time for helicopter leasing and I am very happy to be joining LCI which has proved itself a market leader in the aviation leasing field."

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In February 2012, LCI purchased of a fleet of AgustaWestland AW139, AW169 and AW189 helicopters for its new helicopter division in a contract worth over US\$400 million including options. In 2009, LCI was a launch customer for the CSeries, with an initial order of 20 aircraft valued at approximately US\$1.4 billion and options for a further 20.

Since its inception in 2004, LCI has acquired aircraft with a value approaching US\$5 billion and currently has one of the youngest portfolios on lease to many of the world's leading airlines.