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Boeing Australia Limited today was certified by the Commonwealth as an Authorised Maintenance Organisation (AMO) for the Royal Australian Army fleet of Bell 206B-1 Kiowa and S-70-A Black Hawk training helicopters.

The certification includes on- and off-aircraft deeper maintenance and provides Boeing Australia Limited with the full maintenance authority required to complete its maintenance and modification contracts.

Lt. Col. Robert Crowe, Army Aviation Systems Program Office chief engineer, presented the AMO documentation today on behalf of the Commonwealth to Tony Trew, vice president and general manager of Boeing Australia Limited's Aerospace Support division, in a ceremony at the Army Aviation Training Centre in Oakey.

"AMO certification carries a high degree of credibility within the Australian Defence Industry," said Trew. "It is a demonstration of the high level of confidence that the Australian Defence Force Director General of Technical Airworthiness has in the team here at Oakey."

"Boeing Australia Limited's operation at Oakey has developed significantly in recent months, and I believe this performance further solidifies our position as one of the leading aerospace support facilities in the region and confirms the company's significant rotary wing capabilities," he continued.

The AMO certification is in support of the Commonwealth of Australia's Army Aviation Training and Training Support (AATTS) contract. The AATTS contract consolidates a number of current contracts that support the Army Aviation Training Centre at Oakey air base, Queensland. Boeing Australia Limited is responsible for providing flight and maintenance helicopter training for Army pilots and ground technical staff. This training will use existing aircraft training systems, including the Bell 206B-1 Kiowa and S-70-A Black Hawk helicopters.

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