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CTC FlexiCrew – High Fliers are in Demand

From the moment it was launched, CTC FlexiCrew has attracted global interest from pilots and airlines alike. To date more than 70 pilots have been placed and the company is in advanced discussions with airlines worldwide to assist with their forthcoming seasonal requirements.

“CTC has been providing new and experienced pilots and instructors to its client airlines since the early 1990’s. The economic downturn has forced our industry to revisit the way we do things and flexible resourcing is one area where airlines can genuinely manage their cost base. Contracting CTC FlexiCrew pilots is a cost-effective resourcing solution that will ensure airlines retain quality, high standards and commitment from their personnel” said Captain Chris Clarke, Group Chairman of CTC Aviation Group plc “We are in the process of finalising plans to place pilots with one of our Australasian clients that we hope to announce very soon. FlexiCrew has attracted interest from a wide range of operators across Europe, the Middle and Far East and Australasia. The current climate is causing airlines to revisit their approach to resourcing and FlexiCrew is proving to be a very workable solution for many.”

The CTC FlexiCrew database currently holds details of almost 1000 pilots from around the globe with a variety of experience levels and licences – from newly qualified Line Pilots, to Instructors and Examiners, Captains and First Officers and licence holders for a full spectrum of fleets from Airbus and Boeing to McDonald Douglas DC10 and BAe 146. What is unique about FlexiCrew is that all pilots registering will be required to undertake a selection interview and simulator assessment before they can be offered any placement opportunities Captain Clarke continued – “We believe our pilots to be our finest ambassadors and we are committed to supplying the airlines with only the best quality pilots when they are most needed.”

Several airlines are already taking advantage of the benefits CTC FlexiCrew has to offer. Captain Chris Hope, Head of Flight Operations for easyJet commented “CTC has trained and supplied over 2,000 quality pilots for easyJet over the years. Additionally, we have a long-established arrangement to supplement our line training team with CTC instructors and examiners at our busiest times. We continue to work with CTC to find innovative solutions that address our business needs and welcome developments such as FlexiCrew”.

For more information please visit www.ctcaviation.com/flexicrew

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service aviation support providers training over 1900 aircrew for almost 50 global airlines each year. Our UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech Computer Based Training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our Cadet training programme – CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

Our corporate philosophy is based around innovation, flexibility, expertise and quality. We are renowned for developing innovative approaches to airline training and recruitment challenges.

Our portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline support requirements; - selection and training for both pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversions and recurrent. We have recently launched a range of Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team. Finally, CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

Airline clients include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, Eagle Airways, EuroCypria, Jet Republic, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, Thomson Airways, UK CAA, Virgin Atlantic Airways and Vueling.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The CTC Wings ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

CTC FlexiCrew launched in December 2008 is a flexible aircrew resourcing solution for airlines. A registered database of pilots from around the world with varying degrees of experience – from newly qualified to Instructors and Examiners, Captains and First Officers with a wide range of licence types and operational backgrounds. All pilots are required to attend a selection interview and simulator assessment with CTC before airline placement. Airlines from around the globe can benefit from this service which offers pilots on a fully flexible contract basis to suit airline requirements.

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