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CTC Aviation Training Ranks 23rd in Deloitte's 50 Fastest Growing Companies

Airline pilot training company, CTC Aviation Training, last evening was named one of New Zealand's 50 Fastest Growing Companies in New Zealand, placing 23rd in the 2009 Deloitte Fast 50.

The company was also awarded the 'Fastest Growing Business Services Business' Award for the Central North Island.

CEO, Ian Calvert, says the company is delighted to be recognised for its accomplishments.

"Since CTC Aviation set up our business in Hamilton in 2005, we've gone from strength to strength. We've grown our trainee numbers by around 180% during that time and secured several key airline partnerships right across the globe.

"The last two years were particularly good for us and saw us grow 235%. We have a great team of people at our Crew Training Centre in Hamilton plus our extended global team in the UK, all of whom deserve the kudos for taking our business to this level," said Mr Calvert.

In 2008, CTC Aviation trained over 200 cadets at its Crew Training Centre-Hamilton. Trainees are from New Zealand, the UK, Europe and Vietnam. The company's graduates go on to fly with some of the best-known airlines in the world. Currently, CTC Aviation's airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Eagle Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

All companies in the Deloitte Fast 50 have: operating revenues of at least \$250,000; operated for a minimum of three years; and New Zealand registered operations. Companies listed in the Deloitte Fast 50 are ranked by percentage revenue growth for the past three years.

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline support providers training 1300-1900 aircrew for approximately 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, 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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