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CTC WINGS' 4TH OPEN DAY ATTRACTS MORE BUDDING PILOTS THAN EVER

Over 150 budding airline pilots descended on CTC Aviation's Boeing and Airbus FFS (full flight simulator) facilities near Southampton (UK) last month, reinforcing the fact that a career as an airline pilot remains the goal of many.

The event provides wannabe pilots with the opportunity to tour the facilities, try their hand at the controls of the Airbus and Boeing simulators – including the 'next generation' technology Rockwell Collins B737-800 FFS, which was launched to the European airline community in November '09 – and attend various workshops to help prepare for their future career. Additionally, the 'Careers Advice Centre' - which is managed by CTC staff, CTC Wings graduates now flying for a variety of the programme's partner airlines and representatives from one of the high street banks that many would-be pilots approach to secure financing for their training – provides an excellent service for both the budding pilots and their families who wish to know more about how the programme works and the various options that are available for financing.

"Our Open Days are becoming increasingly popular and we were really delighted with the quality of those who attended this latest event. Far from being put off by the recent downturn, everyone who came along showed a genuine commitment to fully researching their options and a real determination to achieve their dream. The day is designed to provide honest and balanced information on current opportunities, selection processes and training programmes" said Captain Lee Woodward, Head of CTC Wings and Executive Director of CTC Aviation. "We are obviously proud of CTC Wings and the results we have achieved – particularly our placement record which we believe to be the best any Flight Training Organisation can boast; so far in 2010 alone, we have already placed over 168 CTC Wings pilots, 82 of which are first time placements. The Open Days provide us with a great opportunity to showcase the programme, our team and facilities and some of our graduates."

One of tomorrow's potential pilots who attended the Open Day in March, Peter Evans commented *"...it was an invaluable experience and very useful in helping me to explore my options and future as a pilot. Both workshops were great for answering previously unasked questions and also bringing up questions I had not considered. It was great to see the quality of staff and environment at CTC - I have since put in my application and booked my assessment day."*

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CTC Wings graduates continue to achieve some of the best results in the industry for ATPL, CPL and IR. Captain Woodward continues *"we train up to 168 new pilots each year and the programme has now been running for 6 years. So, when you consider the sample size we are referring to, our results through training are even more meaningful - 99.8% pass all 14 ATPL subjects at first attempt and the average mark across all 14 subjects is 93.4%. 93.5% of our cadets achieve a CPL first series pass and a staggering 97.4% achieve a first series IR pass. These results are some of the best, if not the best in the industry right now. We run a tough selection process, but these successes, together with our placement record prove that our combination of rigorous selection and airline-focused training really works."*

The next CTC Wings Open Day is scheduled for Saturday 19 June 2010 – for further details on the day or to apply to the programme, visit www.ctcwings.com

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training between 1200-1900 aircrew for more than 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 ab-initio 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 training and resourcing requirements; - 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.

CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides private jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

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, Thomson Airways, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The *CTC Wings* Cadet route takes individuals 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. The *CTC Wings iCP* and *CTC Wings CPP* routes provide CPL/IR training for aspiring pilots with differing entry criteria or aspirations outside of the airline world.

CTC FlexiCrew is an initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

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