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CITYJET WINGS GETS OFF TO A FLYING START

The first CityJet Wings pilots fly out to CTC's Crew Training Centre – Hamilton, New Zealand to start the initial phase of their airline training programme on 1 October. After the launch in May of this year, this unique programme attracted a great deal of interest and the successful candidates passed the combined CityJet and CTC Wings selection process in impressive style.

CityJet announced CTC Aviation as a preferred training provider after visiting their Crew Training Centres in both the UK and New Zealand – “We were immediately impressed by not only the airline quality, career development programme and high success rates through training, but also the extensive, modern facilities provided for cadets throughout their training” said CityJet's Manager Flight Operation Resources, David Finn. CityJet wanted to demonstrate a commitment to their cadet pilots throughout their training – this desire led to 'CityJet Wings' ; a programme combining the values and commitment of Ireland's leading airline with the experience and dedication to airline-focused training CTC Wings is renowned for.

The 'CityJet Wings' course of 2008 – Pierre-Emmanuel Rocha from Ouvergne in France, Mark Taylor from Gillingham in Kent and Charlie Ricketts, David Peebles and Tom Rutherford from London - attended their CityJet induction day at London City Airport on Tuesday 23 September before joining the rest of their course contemporaries for their CTC Wings Cadet Development Day at CTC's Group Headquarters later that week. On hearing he had been selected, Charlie Ricketts said "I am absolutely delighted - I think it is an amazing opportunity to be sponsored through CTC's prestigious training programme and to ultimately fulfill my dream of becoming an airline pilot with CityJet." The group will be on target to start flying as AVRO RJ85 pilots for CityJet in time for summer 2010.

Further 'CityJet Wings' courses are planned during 2009 – keep an eye on the CTC Wings website for updates and new partner airlines over the coming weeks – 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 over 1200 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 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 training 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. We have recently launched a range of Airline Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team. And finally, CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, NetJets, OpenSkies, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, 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.

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About CityJet

CityJet was founded in Dublin in 1993 to operate the Dublin-London City route with two BAe146 aircraft. Over the years, the airline has grown and developed successfully and profitably, and is now a 100% subsidiary of Air France. Headquartered in Dublin, the company employs 740 staff, carried over 1.8 million passengers last year, and flies an extensive network of routes from London City and Paris CDG airports with its own fleet of 23 Avro RJ85 jet aircraft, as well as four 31-seater Dornier 328 aircraft operated on behalf of CityJet by Scot Airways.

Winner of the prestigious "Airline of the Year 2007/8" bronze award of the European Regions Airline Association, CityJet is the largest operator at London City Airport and has recently completed the acquisition of VLM Airlines of Belgium (subject to regulatory approval). The airline has also recently agreed the purchase of two additional AVRO RJ85 aircraft which will enter the airline's London City fleet by the end of summer 2008, bringing CityJet's total RJ85 fleet size to 25.

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