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FOUR NEW DA-42 SIMULATORS FOR CTC AVIATION

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CTC Aviation, key players in both the FTO and TRTO arena, has completed the procurement of four new DA42 FNPTII training devices from Diamond Simulation for its ab-initio Crew Training Centres in Bournemouth (UK) and Hamilton (NZ).

The first two devices have been installed at CTC's Crew Training Centre Bournemouth and achieved full certification from the UK CAA . The final two devices were installed in Hamilton (NZ) during December 2008 with UK CAA and received full UK CAA certification in January 2009.

The new devices, which encompass the latest CAE TROPOS visual system, have significantly enhanced training fidelity. "Our CTC Wings trainees have benefitted from the quality of training provided by the new devices which have also been well received by our instructor team" said Brian Haigh, CFI and Deputy Head of Training for CTC Aviation Training. CTC's Hamilton (NZ) Crew Training Centre now houses the most advanced simulator visuals system in the Southern Hemisphere Flight Training Organisation arena.

Brian Haigh continued - "The simulators are unique in that they have advanced graphics that simulate the exact terrain, building locations and runway configurations of airports and surrounding geography. The visuals are viewed on a 210 degree curved screen, which makes the flight experience very realistic. Normally simulators of this specification only replicate night flying and flight in cloud accurately, but the terrain mapping and graphical projection supports visual operations from circuit training to navigation cross country training; both adding significant value to each cadets course of training by providing closer representation and therefore meaningful practice before the flight is carried out in the aircraft. The simulators also let us scenario train our pilots for situations like engine failures and system failures, to coping with lightening strikes, which allows us to facilitate development of a pilots thinking in terms of decision making and error management."

CTC trains 200 cadet pilots each year through its airline pilot career development programme – "CTC Wings". On completion of the 18-month training period, CTC Wings pilots are placed with one of the 11 partner airlines currently associated with the programme. CTC graduates benefit from a very successful placement record and trainees progressing through the syllabus have achieved some of the highest ATPL and CPL/IR pass marks in the industry. On completion of the basic training, CTC integrates the airline specific type rating training into the programme at their Full Flight Boeing and Airbus simulator facility near Southampton in the UK, as well as a 6 month flying placement period before potential employment with their partner airline.

CTC's investment in the new DA42 simulators represents part of an ongoing commitment to remain at the forefront of airline training delivery and support services. The company has recently announced a new flexible crew resourcing initiative – "CTC FlexiCrew" a new initiative to provide flexible yet quality resourcing solutions for both the airline industry and qualified pilots, including experienced instructors and examiners.

For more information on CTC Aviation Group plc, CTC FlexiCrew and CTC Wings please visit www.ctcaviation.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 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. We have recently launched two new products –

- a range of Airline Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.
- CTC FlexiCrew – an innovative, flexible approach to resolve airline resourcing needs around the world.

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, Jetstar Pacific, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly, UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

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. 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 Wings SIP* is a sponsored instructor programme offered to the New Zealand pilot community.

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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