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CTC RE-OPENS LICENSED PILOT ROUTE INTO WINGS

The popular CTC Wings ATP route for JAA/EASA CPL/IR holders was re-opened during April attracting a rush of applications from aspiring airline pilots from around the globe. The route has been closed for the past 12 months and prospective trainees have been keeping a close eye on CTC's website for this news.

Over the years CTC has successfully secured employment for almost 600 CTC Wings ATP pilots with partner airlines such as easyJet, Monarch, Jet2.com, Jetstar Pacific, Thomson Airways and Thomas Cook. Today more than 800 CTC Wings pilots are flying with airlines around the world, having been trained and subsequently placed by CTC. The different routes into the programme offer aspiring pilots with varying degrees of previous experience – from zero to CPL/IR and ATPL – some of the best opportunities available today to achieve the goal of flying for a reputable, leading airline.

For pilots who have already attained their "frozen" ATPL, CTC's ATP route provides testing airline selection followed by a thorough airline focused training course in the form of the Airline Qualification Course (AQC). This provides invaluable preparation for airline operations. The AQC is much more than just an MCC qualification (which is incorporated in the course) as it includes an initial airline CRM course plus 36 hours of jet airline orientated training on a Boeing or Airbus flight simulator.

Having successfully completed selection and the AQC, candidates will be well placed to seek airline opportunities out in the market place. Moreover, successful candidates will be entered into CTC's unique database for Wings ATP pilots for type rating consideration. Whilst we cannot guarantee an airline placement, our track record speaks for itself and CTC will endeavour to seek placements for its ATP pilots wherever possible.

"Our CTC Wings Cadet route has been incredibly successful with both airlines and trainees alike. Even with current global issues, airlines are still recruiting. We do our best to forecast the demand and ensure that we have sufficient cadet pilots in our 'pool' ready for type rating with our client airlines" says Captain Lee Woodward, Head of CTC Wings and Executive Director for CTC – "However, pilots who come to us through the CTC Wings ATP route and are successful through our unique Airline Qualification Course will play a vital role in augmenting the supply of CTC Wings pilots, should we not be able to meet airline demand exclusively with cadets. Whilst there are fewer permanent employment opportunities available just at the moment, we are successfully placing Wings pilots and we are delighted to report that we have already placed over 100 pilots in the first quarter of 2009."

Individuals who are interested in the programme should log on to www.ctcwings.com for further information and to apply.

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC is one of the world's leading full-service airline training 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 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 Software Solutions combining our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.

In addition, 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, 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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