

19 January 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **New ETA Test Centre opens in Hong Kong**



Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) and Emery Roberts (ER) are delighted to announce the launch of a new *English Test for Aviation* (ETA) test centre at OAA's training facility at Hong Kong International Airport.

Developed in 2010, ETA provides for both direct and semi-direct testing of English speaking and listening skills complying fully with all ICAO guidance on language testing within aviation.

The new ETA centre, managed by OAA with the support of Emery Roberts, will deliver ETA services to aviation customers across Asia Pacific. A team of five examiners – three English language experts and two aviation subject matter experts have successfully completed the intensive examiner training session which culminated in a site visit by representatives of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (HKCAD).

Now fully approved by HKCAD, ETA testing services for corporate and individual customers commence this January both at the OAA training centre and at the customers' preferred location.

Commenting on the launch of the new centre, Henry Emery, Director of Testing at Emery Roberts, commented "*We are excited to be offering an independent, quality language testing service to pilots and flight crew in Hong Kong with our partners at Oxford Aviation Academy. In addition, we at ER are delighted to have established a presence in the Asia Pacific region, and we recognise this is a first and important step towards providing a full range of specialist language proficiency training and testing services to the industry in Asia.*"

Mike Humphreys, OAA's Managing Director of Type Training added "*Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) is delighted to be working with Emery Roberts; they are an internationally recognised and leading provider of aviation English language education and assessment*

*services. Language Testing complements our own aviation assessment products and adds to the excellence in training that the OAA brand stands for. We have jointly met the requirements of the Aviation Regulators and look forward to working together to bring this service and expertise to the Asian Market.”*

**ENDS**

### **About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)**

OAA is one of the World's leading independent providers of innovative aviation training and resourcing services. It is truly unique in its ability to offer a fully integrated global flight crew supply chain.

With locations across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Australia, OAA offers integrated “Total Training Solutions” tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 102 training aircraft, 64 simulators and 10 training centres delivering an innovative and comprehensive portfolio of aviation training courses. OAA's 3 ab Initio airline pilot training schools are amongst the World's most respected and have trained over 26,000 professional pilots during the past 50 years. OAA's 7 type training centres combine to offer approved flight crew, cabin crew and aircraft maintenance training on a range of aircraft types including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, BAE Systems and Embraer.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to the aviation industry, currently providing 1000 personnel on assignments to over 50 organisations in 30 countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation.

### **About emery-roberts (ER)**

Emery-Roberts Aviation English Training Limited (ER) is a leading UK-based provider of specialist language education and assessment services to the aviation industry. ER provides aviation English services for a wide range of clients worldwide, from airlines and air navigation service providers to aviation regulators, authorities and training organisations. ER has authored award-winning training coursebooks including the best-selling *Aviation English* (Macmillan 2008), *English for Aviation* (OUP, 2008), *Check Your Aviation English* (Macmillan, 2010) and *English for Cabin Crew* (Heinle, 2010). Operated in partnership with Languagelab.com, *Aviation English Live*, ER's virtual aviation English Academy, opens on 1st February 2012.

### **Media Contact:**

Emma O'Donnell  
Oxford Aviation Academy  
Tel: +44 1865 840332  
Mob: +44 7584 488555  
e-mail: emma.odonnell@oaa.com