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European Flight Training ‘takes-off’ for Oxford in Australia

Oxford Aviation Academy has further extended its JAR-FCL approved ab initio pilot training capability through securing UK CAA approval of their Melbourne based training centre for both ATPL Integrated and Modular airline pilot training courses.

The first students to benefit from this new European approval of the OAA Australian training centre are from both the Bahrain based Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA) and Iraqi Airways who commence their foundation flight training in Melbourne in late 2010. Further students enrolled on JAR-FCL training courses from Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific will arrive at the new centre during 2011.

The former General Flying Services business at Moorabbin Airport was acquired by the OAA Group in September 2008, and since then has benefitted from considerable new investment towards achieving this European training approval. A significant element of this investment is the purchase of two new latest generation Mechtronix Flight Navigation and Procedure Trainers (FNPTIIs) which will be used for instrument flight training (C172S piston simulator) and for Multi-Crew Pilot's Licence (MPL) Training and Multi-Crew Co-operation (MCC) training (CRJ200 jet simulator). These simulators will also be used more extensively for Australian (CASA) domestic airline pilot training courses such as the Jetstar Cadet Pilot Training courses which commenced training with OAA in September this year.

Additionally, a new 1,200 sq metre training centre building to support further growth plans has been developed (and will open in January 2011) which will enable student pilot numbers at OAA Australia to double from the current level of 150 full-time students to greater than 300 students per annum; to support a rapidly growing global pilot training market.

Anthony Petteford, Managing Director of OAA's Ab initio training centres said "The JAR-FCL approval of our Australian training centre is significant insofar as we are now able to offer truly global and flexible solutions throughout our network of ab initio pilot training centres based at Oxford in the UK, Phoenix Goodyear in the USA and now Melbourne in Australia. These ab initio training centres will now also feed a greater volume of graduates into our type training centre network based throughout Europe and in Hong Kong"

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About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)

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

With locations in Beijing, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hong Kong, London (Gatwick), London (Heathrow), Manchester, Melbourne, Oslo, Oxford, Phoenix, Shannon, Stockholm and Tokyo, OAA is able to provide integrated "Total Training Solutions" tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 105 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. Furthermore, our 7 type training centres combine to offer comprehensive and bespoke training on a range of aircraft types including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to airlines, MRO's, aircraft manufacturers and aircraft leasing organisations; currently providing 1000 personnel on assignments to over 50 organisations in more than 30 countries.

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