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IRAQI AIRWAYS PILOTS TRAIN AT OXFORD AVIATION ACADEMY

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) is pleased to announce that it has commenced full time ATPL pilot training for Iraqi Airways at its UK Oxford Training Centre

The first group of 12 students commenced their ATPL training at Oxford on 16 November and will spend some 41 weeks at the Academy in a programme specifically designed to enable them to convert their existing qualifications into full, European JAR-FCL 'frozen' ATPL(A) licences. The Iraqi students will train alongside European and other international students undertaking both ab-initio and specialist pilot training courses. This first course will be followed by a further course of 12 students commencing in January 2010.

OAA's Managing Director of ab initio training, Anthony Petteford, stated that he was delighted to welcome the return of students from Iraqi Airways and thus renewing a training partnership between OAA and Iraq which goes back over 37 years. He also commented that the timing of the first training course, shortly before the resumption of scheduled Iraqi Airways airline operations between London and Baghdad, was particularly appropriate, and that OAA looked forward to providing further ab initio APP FIRST OFFICER training courses for the airline in 2010.

The training agreement between the two companies was signed at Oxford on the 5th October, and the photograph shows Iraqi Airways CEO, Captain Kifah, together with OAA's MD Anthony Petteford, at the signing ceremony.

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About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)

OAA is the world's leading independent provider of pilot, cabin crew and maintenance training and aviation resourcing services. It is unique in its ability to offer the world's only fully integrated pilot supply chain. With locations in Beijing, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hong Kong, London (Gatwick), London (Heathrow), Manchester, Melbourne, Oslo, Oxford, Phoenix, Riga, Shannon, Stockholm and Tokyo, OAA is able to provide a "Total Solution" tailored to meet the particular needs of a customer.

OAA operates 49 simulators, has 8 Type Training Centres across Europe and Asia, and can provide a full range of training courses or simulator leases. OAA's Ab Initio pilot training schools are amongst the world's largest and have trained over 23,000 professional pilots over the last 45 years. Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to airlines and aviation support organisations, currently providing more than 800 personnel contracted to 50 airlines in 30 different countries.

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