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OAA becomes the first training organisation in the World to be certified by DNV against the STCW Manila 2010 requirements for maritime Leadership and Management training.

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) is delighted to confirm that its Maritime Crew Resource Management learning programme (MCRM) has been certified by DNV (Det Norske Veritas AS) against the STCW (International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Manila 2010 amendments mandating Leadership and Management training for ships crew. The certification was awarded by DNV after its recent audit of an OAA delivered MCRM course for Chevron shipping.

The certification also covers the requirements for Bridge Resource Management (BRM) and Engine Resource Management (ERM) at the Operational level.

Nick Wilcox, OAA's Product Manager for MCRM says ' I am delighted that OAA is the first training organisation in the industry to achieve this certification from DNV and it is particularly fitting in light of OAA's key involvement in the development of the original BRM course back in the 1990's. OAA was an early pioneer in developing Crew Resource Management (CRM) training for the shipping industry and the Manila amendment has confirmed the importance of this training by making it a mandatory requirement. The Leadership and Management requirement comes into force on 1 January 2012

Thomas Jacobsen, DNV SeaSkill Production Manager for Course Certification says 'In our experience OAA delivers well above the criteria set for their STCW Manila 2010 accreditation for Leadership and Management training'.

MCRM is the application of team management concepts in response to dealing with the issue of Human Error. MCRM motivates the Bridge and Engine room teams to adapt to good resource management practices during every day operations. This includes understanding the importance of good leadership and communication and the use of common terminology. Independent behavioural analysis has proven that the training program delivers significant improvements in crew attitude and behaviour to safety.

The MCRM certified training is delivered by OAA instructors at one of its international training centres or at the customer location. The learning programme is taught within a team based environment through a mix of lecturing, classroom presentations, facilitated group discussions, and real accident case study analysis. The course is supplemented by interactive learning courseware in order to obtain variation and standardisation during the learning process. Simulator training is also used as and when appropriate to reinforce CRM learning.

In addition to CRM training in shipping and aviation OAA is also active in Offshore CRM.

About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA)

OAA is the world's largest independent provider of aviation training and resourcing services. With offices and training centres located in Copenhagen, Hong Kong, London (Gatwick), London (Heathrow), Manchester, Melbourne, Oslo, Oxford, Phoenix, Shannon, Shanghai, Stockholm, Dublin, Tokyo and Beijing, OAA serves over 400 customers worldwide. OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation.

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