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Another step forward for UK based MPL training with airline training partner easyJet

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) is delighted to announce that it has been chosen by major European airline easyJet as their training partner in an innovative new Multi Crew Pilot's Licence (MPL) programme during which 30 easyJet mentored Cadet Pilots will be trained by both the OAA and easyJet training teams to enable them to qualify for the issue of a new MPL under the approval of the UK CAA.

This exciting and further development in the significant and growing relationship between OAA and easyJet will provide not only another complementary means of supply of high quality professional pilots from OAA for this rapidly expanding airline but will also enable easyJet to fully evaluate the new MPL as a potential training route through which their Cadet pilots could be trained in the future.

This bespoke MPL course designed specifically for A320 operations using easyJet SOPs at an early stage in training will incorporate not only the required competency based flight training elements but will also incorporate additional 'value-add' elements of training for the airline including: commercial and ground operations, safety and quality systems, environmental considerations as well as an education in the easyJet customer service ethos and corporate values.

Following a joint OAA and easyJet selection process to be held at both Oxford and Luton airports, the first course of 6 Cadets will commence their training at Oxford Airport in late August 11 with a planned completion date and MPL issue by the UK CAA some 78 weeks later; with all 4 phases of MPL training scheduled to be completed in the UK. Further courses of between 6 and 10 Cadets will enrol at approximately 3 month intervals throughout 2012 to reach the planned project total of 30 new MPL cadet enrollees.

Brand new EFIS 'glass cockpit' aircraft will be used for Core Skills airborne flight training and a combination of new generation EFIS 'GenJet' and OAA Group A320 full flight simulators will be used for the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced phases of training. A320 aircraft base, SEP and line training will be delivered by the easyJet training teams.

On-line applications for places on the courses will be accepted from mid April 2011 and competition is expected to be high. The selection procedure will be based on a tailored version of the established OAA Skills Assessment process offered and managed through the OAA Airline Careers Centre.

OAA also uniquely provides all full-time airline pilot students (both MPLFO and APPFO) with a money-back guarantee in the event of training failure at any point in the course. Additionally and specifically for MPL students, OAA is also offering the further guarantee of a fully-funded OAA 'Safety Net' reversion to an APPFO Integrated ATPL training course in the very unlikely event that the MPL programme ceases for any reason.

Anthony Petteford, OAA's Managing Director for ab initio training said: "We are honoured to have been chosen by easyJet to partner with them in this MPL training programme which not only underlines the growing enthusiasm by airlines for this innovative approach to airline pilot training but also further reinforces Oxford Aviation Academy's position as a leading international provider of bespoke MPL pilot training. By supporting Cadet Pilot Programmes of this nature, easyJet has enabled both an excellent and commendable way for the airline to engage a diversity of pilots of the very highest quality into their airline and in particular these MPL students who will benefit from the very latest innovation in airline pilot training.

Chris Mann, easyJet's Head of Crew Training said: "We are delighted to be partnering Oxford Aviation Academy in this exciting new initiative which we believe will result in yet another improvement in the quality of our excellent pilots."

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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, maintenance training and aviation 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.

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 30 different countries.

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

About easyJet:

easyJet operates Europe's No. 1 air transport network with a leading presence on Europe's top 100 routes and at Europe's 50 largest airports. easyJet flies on more than 550 routes between 130 airports in 30 countries. More than 300 million Europeans live within one hour's drive of an easyJet airport, more than any other airline.

The airline takes sustainability seriously. easyJet invests in the latest technology, operates efficiently and fills most of its seats which means that an easyJet passenger's carbon footprint is 22% less than a passenger on a traditional airline flying on the same route.

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