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Inaugural easyJet MPL training commences with OAA

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) celebrates the commencement of Multi Crew Pilot Licence (MPL) training for the Airbus A320 fleet of aircraft for major European airline partner easyJet. The inaugural course of 8 cadets enrolled upon their first phase of training at OAA's Oxford Training Centre today.

Working in partnership under the approval of the UK CAA, OAA and easyJet, have developed an innovative MPL programme through which a total of 30 easyJet mentored cadet pilots will enrol over the next 12 months. Following graduation in 2013, these pilots will contribute towards the airline's significant pilot recruitment needs to operate from bases throughout Europe.

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

There has been unprecedented interest in the programme with a further 3 courses scheduled to enrol over the next 9 months. The 78 week MPL course will be delivered solely in the UK with the various training phases allocated between the OAA and easyJet training teams based at: Oxford, Gatwick and Luton airports.

Commencement of easyJet MPL training represents the third such training partnership of its kind for OAA following on from agreements already in place with European airline Flybe and Hong Kong based airline Dragonair.

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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 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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