

## INAUGURAL ALPHA AVIATION AWARD TO CTC WINGS CADET

Alpha Aviation Limited today announced an ongoing partnership with CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Limited through the establishment of an annual award and trophy to promote excellence within the aviation industry.



The award has a value of NZ\$8,000 and will be presented annually to the CTC Wings Cadet who displays a commitment to excellence and outstanding achievement in training. The award is comprised of a bursary payment and a travel package from the United Kingdom to New Zealand for both the recipient and a companion.

In announcing the inaugural award, Alpha Aviation Managing Director, Richard Sealy paid tribute to the close relationship shared by the two companies.

“As foundation members of the Waikato aviation cluster, it seems fitting that we have consequently forged a strong business relationship. CTC Aviation and Alpha share many similarities – we both are new to the New Zealand aviation industry – we both have strong and committed shareholders – we both are located within a few minutes of each other in Hamilton. Most importantly, we both share a commitment to excellence in our respective fields.

Earlier this year, CTC Aviation entered into contracts for the supply of 26 Alpha Aviation aircraft to update and expand their training fleet.

“CTC Aviation was one of the first clients to place orders with us and in doing so placed great faith in the Alpha team and our aircraft. Subsequently, we have had unprecedented international and domestic demand for our aircraft and as a result, we are very confident of Alpha Aviation’s future success,” he said.

Mr Sealy says that the significant value and unique nature of the award will be a useful incentive to promote continued excellence within the CTC Wings programme.

“We believe the award will be strongly contested by the CTC Wings trainees, inevitably increasing standards beyond their present high levels of excellence and benefiting both the trainees and the international standing of the CTC Wings programme,” he said.

The recipient of the 2006 Alpha Aviation Award and Trophy is CTC Wings graduate, First Officer Michael Vickers. Michael is now a pilot with Thomas Cook Airlines in the United Kingdom.

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### Editor’s notes:

Officially opened in April 2005, CTC Aviation NZ Ltd's Crew Training Centre at Hamilton International Airport provides training facilities and accommodation for up to 144 commercial airline pilot trainees. Since opening in 2005, CTC has grown rapidly to become a major force in the New Zealand aviation industry and is also part of the Waikato Aviation Cluster. The Company projects that through employment and use of New Zealand services, it will inject approximately \$95 million into the economy over the next 10 years.