

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Pilot Trainees Moving From Airways to Clearways**

CTC Aviation Training NZ began moving trainee pilots into the Company's custom-built accommodation campus named "Clearways," near Hamilton International Airport today.

On 24 May 2006, fire partially destroyed the Company's leased trainee accommodation on Peachgrove Road in Hamilton East, forcing 19 of its trainees into temporary accommodation. A police investigation into the fire reported it to be of a suspicious nature; however police were unable to reach a conclusion regarding the cause.

CTC's NZ Finance Director, Chris Wilson, said the Company will move trainee pilots into Clearways progressively as each stage of the four-building complex is completed.

"This is another exciting step in the development of our Hamilton facilities. During 2006, trainee pilot numbers will grow to around 120 in training at any one time. This growth represents demand from the European division of CTC Aviation Training and airlines within the Pacific Rim.

"Bringing trainee accommodation in-house will allow us to provide world-class facilities, recognising our position at the top of the global airline pilot training market. We are delighted with the speed of the development and proud of the quality facilities we can offer our cadets," explained Mr Wilson.

Clearways is a self-contained facility for trainee pilots during their stay in Hamilton of up to 10 months. Each building will be named after a famous classic airliner. The "Comet" building is the first to be occupied followed by "Trident," "Concorde" and "Britannia."

When completed, the Clearways facility will comprise four buildings, each containing 24 studio rooms. In each building there is a central kitchen, laundry, storage, and lounge facility. The surrounding site will be landscaped and plans include recreational and sporting facilities. A 'green transport plan' was part of the design, and CTC has sourced a distinctive liveried fleet of minibuses to minimise the number of journeys between the accommodation complex and the Hamilton Crew Training Centre.

In March 2006, CTC Aviation Training NZ announced it was preparing to double the number of trainee pilots coming through its Hamilton Crew Training Centre. Constructing Clearways is one step the Company is taking to handle the growth in trainee numbers. Additional steps include:

- Building its fleet of training aircraft with a recent order of up to 26 Hamilton-built Alpha training aircraft
- Taking delivery of four jet-fuelled DA-42 Diamond TwinStar twin engine trainer aircraft in May

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- Recruiting qualified instructors, as well as training its own instructors through a sponsorship programme

Construction of Clearways commenced in February 2006. It has been developed in partnership with Hamilton-based property investment company Meridian 37 and the construction work has been handled by Crater Lake Developments.

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CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Flight Training Organisation, recognised by the Joint Aviation Authorities as a leading provider of training, consultancy and support services to the commercial airline industry.

Established to provide a dedicated facility for airline standard, professional training, the Company offers a comprehensive range of training and consultancy services that can be tailored to individual and airline requirements.

Through Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand CTC trains over 1,000 commercial pilots a year. CTC's Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art training facilities including the provision of high-level training support and full flight simulation for both Boeing and Airbus aircraft.

Airline customers include Air New Zealand, Air Malawi, Air Seychelles, British Airways, Jet2.com, easyJet, EuroCypria, First Choice Airways, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, MyTravel, NetJets, Royal Brunei Airlines, Thomas Cook Airlines, ThomsonFly and the UK CAA.

CTC was established to provide a dedicated facility for airline standard professional training. The company offers a comprehensive range of training and consultancy services that can be tailored to individual airline requirements.

CTC's training portfolio includes courses for pilots and cabin crew at every stage of their careers (such as the unique "CTC Wings" programme). In addition CTC provides train the trainer courses and crew resource management training. Consultancy services include crew selection, training staff assessments, line support, recurrent training provision, fleet introductions and full management and operational support for airline start-ups.

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The *CTC Wings* ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

*CTC Wings* graduates are now flying with easyJet, Thomas Cook Airlines, Monarch Airlines, British Airways, Thomsonfly, First Choice Airways, Jet2 and MyTravel.

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