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CTC Wings announces new opportunities for more aspiring commercial pilots

CTC Wings continues to expand both in the UK and NZ with the announcement of a new self-sponsored route being launched on 31 May 2007.

From the two original routes into the programme (Cadet and ATP), to the NZ routes added last year (CTC Wings Sponsored Instructor Programme and CTC Wings Commercial Pilot Programme). The new route, CTC Wings *i*CP – Integrated Commercial Pilot - will enable even more aspiring pilots to benefit from the high standard and enviable reputation of the CTC Wings programme.

CTC Wings *i*CP is a self-funded route to achieving a Commercial Pilot Licence and Instrument Rating (CPL/IR) and frozen Airline Transport Pilot Licence (fATPL). Running alongside the existing training programme for CTC Wings Cadets, *i*CP trainees will undergo a 14-month training programme at CTC's Crew Training Centres in Hamilton, New Zealand and Bournemouth, United Kingdom. They will benefit from a state-of-the-art training fleet of Alphas and Diamonds and CTC's world-class instructor team.

Employment opportunities through CTC Wings are amongst the best in the industry worldwide. To date, 100% of the CTC Wings pilots completing training have been placed with an airline. During training CTC Wings pilots are achieving the highest ground school theory pass rates in Europe.

The new self-sponsored route will open doors of opportunity further a-field as there is no requirement for CTC Wings *i*CP applicants to have the right to live and work in the EU. On completion of training, CTC Wings *i*CP pilots are free to follow their own career path as they choose. However, they will be in a prime position to be considered for training and placement with CTC Wings ATP subject to availability and performance during their training.

Captain Lee Woodward, Executive Director of CTC Aviation Training and Head of CTC Wings explains "CTC Wings *i*CP is a natural progression for us. Since the launch of CTC Wings in 2003 our applicant rates have risen year on year. We have a proven track record of success training ab-initio pilots and the CTC Wings reputation is second-to-none. CTC Wings *i*CP opens doors of opportunity for people outside of the EU and provides a flexible option for even more aspiring pilots to achieve their goals".

CTC Wings *i*CP will be open for applications from 31 May 2007 and the first course will begin training in New Zealand during July 2007.

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Approved 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 four Crew Training Centres in the UK and New Zealand CTC will train over 1,200 commercial pilots in 2007. 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, the UK CAA and Virgin Atlantic

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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.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for airline pilots. The cadet route takes young people with no flying experience all the way to the right hand seat of a commercial airliner in less than two years. The CTC Wings ATP route into the programme provides opportunities for licensed pilots to join at the intermediate phase of training.

CTC recently announced new routes into CTC Wings for New Zealand pilots – a Commercial Pilot Programme route and, what is believed to be New Zealand's first Sponsored Instructor Programme.

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