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First Kiwi's Start New Commercial Pilot Training Programme

Three aspiring New Zealand airline pilots have commenced training at CTC Aviation New Zealand's (CTC) Crew Training Centre in Hamilton today. The trainees are the first Kiwis to take part in a major new commercial pilot training initiative now open to young New Zealanders.

After a nationwide training recruitment campaign, Nick Schramm, Daniel Stark and Joseph Lambert – all, co-incidentally, from the Waikato - made it through CTC's rigid selection process and began training this week.

Hamilton-based CTC announced in November 2006 it has teamed up with Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) to offer Kiwi students the Diploma in Aviation Science (DAS). Training is based at CTC's Crew Training Centre adjacent to Hamilton International Airport.

CTC Aviation New Zealand (CTC) Director Ian Calvert says the company has received higher-than-expected demand from young New Zealanders wanting to take part in the new pilot training programme.

"CTC and NMIT are initially offering 24 places to Kiwi students in 2007. We expected to have two trainees in our first intake and build up from there. However, we've had so much demand we've accepted three trainees in the inaugural class.

"From March, CTC will begin a new course every two months and we'll build up to taking six trainees at a time by the end of this year.

"World-wide, CTC trains over 1000 commercial airline pilots a year through its various CTC Wings courses. Now, young New Zealanders who've got what it takes can take advantage of this first-class training opportunity right here in Hamilton," commented Mr Calvert.

The DAS is an internationally recognised entry-level qualification for commercial airline pilots. The 18 month programme covers commercial pilot license, multi-engine and Instrument Flight Training and ATPL theory subjects.

Students will utilise CTC's fleet of 31 single- and twin-engine aircraft for flight training, clocking up over 200 hours of flight time each.

Classroom-based courses include flight planning, communications, mass and balance, meteorology and aviation law.

Since opening its training centre in March 2005, CTC has grown rapidly. In two years it has trained over 144 pilots and flying instructors – both New Zealanders and trainees from overseas.

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.

New Zealanders between the ages of 18 and 29 who are interested in the DAS programme can get information and apply online at www.ctcwings.co.nz.

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About CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd.

CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd. (CTC) opened its Hamilton Crew Training Centre in April 2005. Since then, the Company has trained over 130 pilots and flying instructors. It is growing its capability to train up to 144 future airline pilots at one time. The Company projects that through employment and use of New Zealand services, it will inject approximately \$95 million into the Waikato economy over the next 10 years.

A fleet of 22 aircraft are based at the Hamilton Crew Training Centre with more aircraft on order. The fleet includes nine twin engine aircraft (six new Diamond DA42 TwinStars and three Piper PA44 Seminoles), and 13 single engine aircraft (seven Diamond DA20 Katanas, three Robin 2160s and three Cessna 172s). To support the Company's growth, three additional Diamond DA42 TwinStars are on order. CTC is also gradually replacing their single engine aircraft fleet with 26 Alpha 160A trainers.

Pilot Selection

At the Hamilton Crew Training Centre, CTC has a Pilot Selection Centre used for its own pilot training programmes and also for client airlines.

Pilot Training

CTC is now a major force in the New Zealand pilot training market and is widening its portfolio to include airline pilot training programmes for New Zealanders, leading to Civil Aviation Authority New Zealand licenses and ratings. In November 2006, CTC announced the launch of its CTC Wings Commercial Pilot Training Programme, conducting flight training for students enrolled in the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology's aviation programme diploma.

In Hamilton, CTC also conducts training for overseas trainees in support of its UK sister company's pilot training programmes. The trainees, destined for major European airlines including easyJet, spend a total of nine months training in New Zealand before returning to the UK to complete training.

CTC's programmes are differentiated from other pilot training schemes, being airline focused in content and syllabus.

Flight Instructor Training

At the Instructor Training Centre located at CTC's Hamilton Crew Training Centre, the Company runs the 18-week, CTC Wings Sponsored Instructor Programme (SIP). New Zealand pilots with a Commercial Pilot's Licence and Instrument Rating are trained to become "C-category" flying instructors. Successful trainee instructors are engaged by CTC as salaried employees and enrolled on a professional development programme leading towards the top "A-category" instructor rating.

About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Ltd. is a division of CTC Aviation Group plc, one of the world's leading providers of training, consultancy and support services to the global airline industry. Through its Crew Training Centres in the United Kingdom and New Zealand, CTC Aviation trains over 1,000 commercial pilots each year. The Group's multiple international locations means it is ideally placed to service the international demand for airline pilot training. For more information visit www.ctcaviation.co.nz