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CTC OPENS STATE-OF-THE-ART PILOT TRAINING CENTRE IN NURSING, SOUTHAMPTON

CTC Aviation Group opened a new state-of-the-art Crew Training Centre at Nursling, near Southampton on Friday 10th September. The Centre will provide flight simulator and classroom training facilities for the 1,000 or more commercial pilots that CTC trains each year.

The 18,000 sq ft Centre represents an investment by CTC of £6 million and will rival simulator training provision anywhere else in the UK. The Centre houses five simulators, including two Airbus A320 full flight simulators, one Boeing 737 full flight simulator and two Boeing 737 fixed base simulators, as well as a suite of specialist computer-based training (CBT) classrooms, briefing rooms, two virtual flight deck units, a refreshment area and comprehensive engineering support facilities.

“Our Nursling Crew Training Centre combines classroom, virtual flight deck, fixed base and full flight simulator training under one roof,” explains Steve Billett, CTC’s Head of Training. “With the benefit of a purpose-built facility, we have created a new style training centre that will enable us to deliver the highest quality and most cost effective training in a very competitive market. We can pass on cost savings to our customers and are already seeing strong interest in our new services from a number of UK and international airlines.”

From its headquarters at Dibden Manor, near Southampton, and Crew Training Centres in Nursling, Bournemouth and New Zealand, CTC Aviation Group trains over 1,000 commercial pilots each year. Airline customers include First Choice, Holland Exel, Britannia Airways, British Airways, BMI, Channel Express/Jet 2, easyJet, Kuwait Airways, Monarch Airlines, My Travel, Royal Brunei Airlines, and Thomas Cook Airlines. The company is seeing growing demand from its airline partners for its extensive range of pilot and cabin crew training courses and for consultancy advice and support for start up operations, fleet introductions, flight crew selection, training and crew leasing. Last year, CTC secured a \$100 million, eight year training contract from easyJet – believed to be the largest contract ever awarded for commercial airline training.

The Nursling Crew Training Centre was officially opened by CTC Chairman and CEO Chris Clarke, with the assistance of eight year old Emma Pritchard and eleven year old Anthony Hooper, winners of a ‘Future of Flying’ drawing and writing competition for local schoolchildren. The opening event was attended by local dignitaries and CTC’s airline customers.

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