



CTC Gains Vietnam CAA Approval for Type Ratings and Widens its Full Service Portfolio Across the Globe

In an exciting new era of global expansion, CTC Aviation has been approved by the Vietnamese CAA (CAAV) to provide type rating training. This approval has been achieved alongside an agreement between CTC and Pacific Airlines to supply training and pilot supply services on a 3-year contract.

CTC has commenced training in the UK for the first group of Pacific Airlines pilots who will be flying the B737-400. Crews will be based in Ho Chi Minh City for an initial three year contract and will help to satisfy the airlines major expansion plans over the next few years. As part of this new partnership, CTC's Boeing Instructor/Examiner team (TRI/TREs) have been audited and approved by the Vietnamese CAA and will be actively involved in the training and examining of the pilots.

CTC's Group Chairman, Captain Chris Clarke said "we at CTC are really thrilled to be working with Pacific Airlines at this time of rapid growth for the airline. Our first group of "CTC Wings" pilots are now well on their way to completion of their type ratings and are looking forward to starting their careers with Pacific Airlines. We look forward to enjoying a long and successful partnership with Pacific and assisting them with their exciting plans for expansion throughout this region of significant opportunity. The supply of contract pilots adds the final ingredient to our current suite of airline services and demonstrates CTC's determination to continue to innovate for our clients, to provide every aspect of airline crew operations, and to serve the airline industry on an International scale. We expect to announce further exciting contracts with international clients in the near future"

In February 2007, Pacific Airlines changed its business model to become the first Vietnamese low cost airline operating domestic and regional flights around Vietnam and code share flights to Thailand and Singapore. Future expansion plans include more regional Asian destinations. The airline has been operating since 1992, but during 2007 Qantas took a 30% share in the company and it is expected to be rebranded in the second quarter of 2008. The airline plans to take delivery of up to thirty A320 aircraft over the next few years with the first deliveries expected in July of this year. Captain Binh, Director of the CAAV, and Captain Jeremy Schmidt, General Manager Flight Operations and Chief Pilot of Pacific Airlines said "we have been very impressed not only with CTC's facilities and reputation, but also by their excellent training and support team. They have been extremely innovative and flexible in providing cost-effective pilot training and supply solutions for Pacific Airlines and we look forward to their pilots joining our team".

For further information on CTC Aviation Group plc and CTC Wings, please see our website www.ctcaviation.com

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About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc is an approved Type Rating Training Organisation and Flight Training Organisation, recognised by the Joint Aviation Authorities (and other global regulatory bodies) 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 trained 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 also provides quality software solutions for on-line application systems, training reporting systems and simulator systems management.

CTC Wings is a unique, comprehensive programme of developmental training for aspiring airline pilots.