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Eagle Airways Provides Career Opportunities for CTC Wings Airline Pilots

Air New Zealand subsidiary Eagle Air says a new relationship with airline pilot training organisation CTC Aviation is great news for young pilots looking to fast-track into an airline career.

Eagle Air recently employed the first two New Zealanders to graduate from CTC's Commercial Pilot Programme in Hamilton, and today formally marked their graduation with a function at CTC's Crew Training Centre at Hamilton International Airport.

Eagle Air General Manager Grant Kerr says he has been impressed with the CTC graduates' levels of knowledge, skill and professionalism.

"They've gone through line training with Eagle and they passed with flying colours. The very airline-specific training they receive from the moment they join the CTC Wings programme means, upon graduation, they possess the exact skills we require to be a First Officer with Eagle Air," he says.

The first New Zealanders to graduate from the *CTC Wings* Commercial Pilot Programme are Joseph Lambert and Daniel Stark. They are employed with Eagle Air as First Officers based out of Gisborne. Both young men grew up in Hamilton and are Hamilton Boys High graduates.

Mr Kerr said the CTC Wings programme was advantageous to both the airline and young pilots looking to get a start specifically in the airline business.

CTC works with a growing list of global airline partners, which includes British Airways, CityJet, DHL Air, easyJet, easyJet Switzerland, Jet2.com, Jetstar Pacific, Monarch, Thomas Cook and Thomsonfly.

"To date, one hundred percent of our graduates have obtained employment with one of CTC's partner airlines in Europe. And, globally, one of the benefits of training with CTC is that cadets know we are focused on helping them gain employment," said John Jones, CEO of CTC Aviation New Zealand.

"Our relationship with Eagle Air allows us to demonstrate this key point to New Zealand cadets as well. We can never guarantee employment, but there is more certainty for them."

Mr Jones said applications coming in from New Zealanders are running high ever since the company announced its *CTC Wings* programme was open to Kiwis in 2006.

He explained applicants recognise CTC Aviation is different from other aviation training organisations because it has a sole focus on airline pilot training.

"CTC Aviation sets itself apart because we only train pilots for placement with airlines. For someone with no flying experience, it takes around 18 months to complete our Commercial Pilot Programme.

"Because we have this sole airline focus, we are able to customise recruitment solutions for our airline partners around the globe. And, our rigorous selection process ensures our partners are getting the very best airline pilots out there," he said.



CTC trains around 200 airline pilots at its Crew Training Centre - Hamilton each year. It offers a range of training programmes for people with no flying experience as well as for people with a current Commercial Pilot Licence. Funding is also available to assist successful candidates with training costs.

More information about CTC and its *CTC Wings* airline pilot training programmes can be found at www.ctcwings.com.

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About CTC Aviation Training (NZ) Limited

CTC opened its Crew Training Centre - Hamilton in April 2005 and now trains 200 pilots annually and will grow to well over 200 by the end of the year.

A fleet of over 30 aircraft are currently utilised at the Crew Training Centre – Hamilton, with more aircraft on order. The fleet includes modern Diamond DA42 TwinStars, Piper PA44 Seminoles as well as the single engine fleet of Robins, Alphas and Cessnas.

Pilot Selection

At the Crew Training Centre - Hamilton, CTC has a Pilot Selection Centre for use on its own pilot training programmes. The facility is also available to client airlines.

Airline Pilot Training

CTC is a major player in the New Zealand airline pilot training market and its “CTC Wings” portfolio includes airline pilot training programmes for New Zealanders, leading to Civil Aviation Authority New Zealand licenses and ratings. CTC’s programmes are differentiated as the lead to employment, rather than solely providing qualifications. CTC has also teamed up with the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) to offer New Zealand students the Diploma in Aviation Science (DAS).

As well as training a growing number of New Zealand airline pilots, CTC in Hamilton conducts training for overseas cadets. These overseas trainees, destined for major European airlines, spend a total of 11 months training in New Zealand before returning to the CTC’s UK facilities to complete their training.

Flying Instructor Training

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

More information: www.ctcwings.com

About Eagle Airways

Eagle Airways is a wholly owned subsidiary of Air New Zealand and operates 16 Beech 1900D airliners on the Air New Zealand domestic route network. It is a member of the Shorthaul Airline along with its link partners, Air Nelson and Mt Cook Airline, and the Domestic and Tasman/Pacific Island airlines.

For more information visit www.eagleair.co.nz.



About CTC Aviation Group plc

CTC Aviation Group plc was established in the early 1990s by a team of experienced airline pilots. Today it is one of the world's leading full-service airline training providers training over 1,600 aircrew for more than 50 global airlines annually.

CTC's UK and NZ based Crew Training Centres house state-of-the-art Airbus and Boeing simulators, hi-tech computer-based training facilities and a fleet of the latest, modern technology training aircraft to support our pilot training programme – CTC Wings; all supported by one of the most experienced teams of Training Captains and Instructors worldwide.

CTC's portfolio spans the full spectrum of airline training requirements – pilots and cabin crew; basic licence and ATPL training through to TRE Standardisation; ground school, simulator provision and line training; management and consultancy support; start ups, conversion and recurrent. Its range of Airline Software Solutions combines our airline knowledge with the technological skills of our Information Technology team.

CTC Aviation Jet Services Limited provides executive jet management and operational support for both corporate and private clients.

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