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COPTERSAFETY ORDERS FIVE NEW FULL FLIGHT SIMULATORS TO BECOME ONE OF THE LARGEST HELICOPTER TRAINING CENTERS GLOBALLY

Coptersafety – an independent helicopter flight training service provider has today announced the order of five new Full Flight Simulators (FFS) from American TRU Simulation + Training. The chosen simulator models are Airbus Helicopters H125 and H145, and AgustaWestland AW169 and AW189. Training demand for all of these models is expected to increase in the future. The fifth FFS will be decided in the coming months in response to market conditions. The investment is the largest ever done in civil helicopter aviation.

Coptersafety will also begin construction of a new Flight Training Centre. The center will be located in the vicinity of Helsinki Airport, Finland next to the existing Coptersafety facility, where the company has operated since 2013. The new center, which will be ready by the end of 2017, will be one of the largest training centers specializing in helicopter pilot training in the world.

“With the current investments we want to take the next step in improving helicopter operators’ safety performance by offering our mission-specific simulator training for a wider range of helicopter types. At Coptersafety we strongly believe in simulator based training, it’s our core business and that’s why we want to make this significant investment in the helicopter pilot training domain”, says Coptersafety’s CEO Mikko Dahlman.

Coptersafety evaluates that as its operations grow, the customer base will remain similar. Coptersafety’s clientele consists of the world’s largest helicopter operators, which provide search and rescue, helicopter emergency and offshore services all around the world.

“All the new simulators will be ready for training by late 2018, as the installation of the first simulator will start in the fall of 2017 and installations will continue until late 2018. Our whole clientele will be foreign also going further, hence this investment made into exporting Finnish education, will benefit the entire Aviapolis area even more” describes Hannu Marjoniemi, Coptersafety VP, Strategy & Finance.

”We are strongly dedicated to developing our international education export concept and will continue to investigate further ways to strengthen our service offering and concept together with other service providers of the area”, adds Mikko Dahlman.

Coptersafety has been backed up by Finnish private equity company Sentica since October 2015, when the company set a goal to become the world’s leading helicopter pilot training organization.

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Coptersafety is an independent helicopter pilot training provider for commercial, government and private organizations. The company provides simulator training each year to helicopter pilots around the world at its training facility next to Helsinki Airport. Coptersafety has taken the initiative to genuinely improve pilot training to ensure the safety performance of operators. For more information, visit www.coptersafety.com