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## SENTICA TO SUPPORT COPTERSAFETY'S GROWTH

A fund managed by Sentica Partners becomes the majority owner in Coptersafety Oy, which offers training services to helicopter pilots. The founder and CEO of the Company, Mikko Dahlman will continue as CEO and as a significant minority owner. With Sentica's support, Coptersafety targets remarkable growth in the coming years.

Coptersafety Oy is an aviation company founded by helicopter pilot Mikko Dahlman in 2011. The Company offers training services to helicopter pilots in close proximity to the Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Actual business commenced in the fall of 2014 as the Company's first AgustaWestland AW139 helicopter simulator started operating. Coptersafety offers professional pilots simulator training and organizes courses, which qualify for the type rating of the AW139 helicopter. The clientele consists of some 40 foreign helicopter operators, airlines and public authorities, including the world's leading helicopter services providers. The Company's sales from the first whole financial year are estimated to exceed 5 million euros.

"Coptersafety has experienced a promising start with the support of our current investors. Now is a natural moment to move on to the next level with a new partner. Sentica's coming along enables us to significantly expand and develop our training concept", describes Coptersafety's founder and CEO Mikko Dahlman.

"We are very impressed how Coptersafety has in just one year's time succeeded in creating a service concept in Finland, which interests global players. The Company's customer base is completely foreign and the largest customers are the world's leading helicopter operators. We believe that the helicopter simulator training market will continue to grow because the need for simulator training increases in the future as it is the safest, most versatile and most cost efficient training method", comments Sentica's partner Christer Niemi.

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## Coptersafety Oy

Coptersafety is a Finnish aviation company, which has since September 2014 offered professional pilots helicopter simulator training as well as courses, which qualify for a type rating, in the close proximity of Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Coptersafety's customers include the world's largest helicopter operators, which provide search and rescue, helicopter emergency and offshore services. The Company's sales in 2015 are estimated to exceed 5 million euros. www.coptersafety.com

## Sentica Partners Oy

Sentica is an independent private equity company focusing on acquiring and developing Finnish small and mid - sized companies. The funds under Sentica's management amount to some EUR 300 million with fund investors consisting of Finnish institutional investors and high quality European fund of funds. <u>www.sentica.fi</u>