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### **LEADING AFRICAN HELICOPTER OPERATOR CHOOSES ELITE SIMULATOR TO ENHANCE TRAINING AND SAFETY**

The leading helicopter operator in Africa, AeroContractors Company of Nigeria has ordered a rotary wing Elite S623 simulator to enhance training and safety standards.

The head of the rotary wing flight department at AeroContractors, Rod Le Gassick, said: "Our mission is to be a leading air service provider in Africa, operating to international best practice and standards.

"Elite is a well-known name with regard to lower cost, effective procedure trainers. We were in the market for a relatively low cost crew training device that would allow us to train more frequently and focus on IFR standard procedures and CRM, while monitoring SOPs.

"The Elite S623 will provide us with a very effective platform to incorporate LOFT training on a regular basis. LOFT training imparts a sense of the real working environment and combines all aspects of our SOPs.

"Level D simulators are excellent training tools and we feel that time on the Level D will be far more effective if we first use the Elite S623 to practice basic IFR skills, at a fraction of the cost.

"Practice is experience and experience brings confidence. We foresee the S623 as a tool that will enhance CRM, crew co-ordination, better understanding of SOPs, and therefore safety."

AeroContractor's helicopter division is based at Port Harcourt in Nigeria. AeroContractor Nigeria's 1,200 staff operate a fleet of 37 fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Its helicopters are contracted to major oil companies in support of offshore oil and gas exploration and production whilst its fixed wing fleet has similar contracts and also operates scheduled domestic and international services and charter flights.

The new Elite S623 will be configured to replicate the Eurocopter AS350B and will feature a customised layout of a modified centre console incorporating a real time or original Garmin GNS530 GPS system and an external 4-channel visual system with four LCD TVs, three for forward vision and one mounted on the bottom right-hand chin bubble of the cockpit for better downward ground reference views. It will also have full coverage Nigeria GenView visual software, NAV data for specified helipads and Bendix King EFS40/50 software replication.

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