



## **MEDIA RELEASE FOR ELITE SIMULATION SOLUTIONS AG**

### **EUROPEAN BREAKTHROUGH FOR ELITE HELICOPTER SIMULATOR**

The approval by the UK CAA of the first Elite Simulation Solutions helicopter simulator in the country is a European breakthrough for the Swiss company.

Its Evolution S623 simulator is configured to represent a single turbine helicopter based on the Eurocopter AS350BA Squirrel. The use of an S623 to train helicopter pilots in Australia and New Zealand, where it won approval two years ago, has helped to refine the design for clearance in EU countries.

The UK FNPT II approval is to JAR-SD 3(H) and the first UK unit is now in use at Norwich International Airport.

It has a 4-channel external visual system offering 170° of vision and features a fully enclosed cockpit with dual pilot instruments, pedals and cyclic layout, and has full auto-pilot capability with a flight director and navigation coupling to both VOR and GPS. For the latter the S623 has a TSO C-129 certified system that allows GNSS (RNAV) capability with an auto-pilot NAV coupling.

The open instructor station is at the rear of the enclosed flight deck, which has an unobstructed view to the visual scene via front windows made in a clear material. Hardware, such as switches and knobs, are in the same location, of similar appearance and offer very closely the same responses as those of the AS350BA.

Upgrade options include a King EFS40/50, additional GPS receivers, a fully enclosed instructor's station and 3D models such as oil rigs.

For flight training organisations with limited space in which to install a simulator the S623's external footprint is compact, at only 4m x 4m.

In England the S623 joins Elite Evolution S812 FNPT II simulators that are used for fixed-wing training by Blackbushe Aviation, a Redair Flight Centre at Blackbushe Airport, Hampshire, by Aeros, based at Gloucestershire Airport and by Flightpass based at Exeter Airport..

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