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### **UPGRADED ELITE SIMULATOR AIDING STUDENTS AT SCANDINAVIA'S LARGEST ROTARY WING TRAINING CENTRE**

An excellent and cost effective tool for all parts of training to fly twin engine turbine helicopters is how Scandinavia's largest rotary wing training centre describes a fully upgraded Elite helicopter simulator it operates.

The European Helicopter Training Center (EHC) operates the Elite Evolution S723T FNPTII MCC simulator at its base at Sandefjord Lufthaven in Norway. The device was bought when it represented the AS350 single engine helicopter, with a 3-channel CAVE visual system with a 270° by 65° field of view, 3D graphics of the airports at Sandefjord, Skien and Rygge including 60cm satellite imagery of the surrounding ground features, and 100km x 100km scenery that allows EHS to train pilot to fly up to 30 minutes cross country entirely using visual cues.

As soon as Elite developed a MCC version to replicate the twin engine AS355 EHC ordered an upgrade of a dual control system so that it could be used, among other things, for the MCC (Multi Crew Co-operation) course.

The latest upgrade has full Weather radar and other Traffic features and the device has been approved by the Norwegian CAA for the complete MCC course.

EHC's Head of Training, Øyvind Juel Bache, said: "This was an important step for EHC. We were looking to offer full ATP(H)/IR integrated training with MCC, as this course offers students training from scratch all the way up to 200 hours including twin engine experience for the AS355 and the EC135.

"We see that the demand is growing and growing for pilots who can operate offshore flights, where twin engine operation is an absolute must. The Elite Evolution S723T FNPT II MCC device is an excellent tool for EHC to offer for all parts of training, from PPL(H) FI, recurrency training, VFR handling, checklist and procedures training and MCC and it offers excellent training for the money."

EHC was formed in 1993 and operates a fleet of 13 helicopters. It has 15 full time instructors and six freelancers who can be brought in as necessary. Apart from flight training EHC also offers sling load work, aerial photography, line inspection, air taxi and other aerial work. Mr Bache said: "The Elite S723T simulator with all its upgrades is very important to the daily life of EHC."

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