

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

### **ON DAYS WHEN IT DOESN'T SHINE IN BRAZIL ELITE SIMULATOR WILL HELP BHS PILOTS PREPARE FOR THE WORST**

Even though there are over 300 days of sunshine in Macae, the petroleum capital of Brazil, bad weather and night flying mean that Brazilian Helicopter Services (BHS) crews have to be prepared for the worst conditions offshore.

Also, with three airports and an offshore operation about to start in Rio de Janeiro, pilots need to be well versed in IFR procedures.

Hence, part of the reason for BHS choosing an Elite S623 helicopter simulator to train pilots and offer them currency training.

The S623 from Zurich-based Elite Simulator Solutions has a custom designed layout that will be featured in all future orders from BHS' parent organisation, CHC Global Group.

It incorporates a Garmin GN530 GPS system in the centre console, and an external 4-channel visual system with 4 pcs 52" LCD TVs housed in a specially designed mounting frame. Three are mounted for forward view and the other is housed in the bottom right side chin bubble of the device to allow downward view for better ground reference.

The BHS device also features full coverage Brazil GenView visual software, NAV data including that for BHS's helipads and Bendix King EFS40/50 EFIS instrumentation replication.

Roger Williams, Manager Flight Standards, BHS Macae, said they see the Elite S623, which is configured to represent the Eurocopter AS350B helicopter, as an excellent, cost effective way of maintaining skills and standards whilst leaving the real aircraft on task.

"The STD is an ideal tool for assessing potential recruits, for giving accelerated basic IFR training in addition to normal line training, for honing CRM, and for ensuring adherence to the company's offshore procedures," he said.

BHS says that a structured programme, prior to any checks or lesser practiced operations such as night landings offshore, will greatly enhance the performance of their pilots and thus the value of the check or night currency when performed.

"The Brazilian Authorities are soon to introduce GNSS/GPS approaches in the Campos Basin. BHS will have a distinct advantage in training its crews, since the Elite simulator is already equipped with the Garmin 530 GPS - the same equipment as in our eight S76C++ helicopters," said Mr Williams.

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