



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EUROPEAN LAUNCH FOR ELITE'S FIRST HELICOPTER FTD**

The new Elite S623 helicopter FTD (Flight Training Device) will have its European launch at the forthcoming International Heli Trade show in Geneva from 5 – 7 October.

The high-level device is based on the Eurocopter AS350B Squirrel but can be configured for other single or twin turbine engine helicopters such as the Bell B206 and the AS355.

The S623 is the first of a new range of helicopter flight training devices to come from the design studios of Switzerland-based Elite Simulation Solutions, which has become one of the leading manufacturers of PC-based FTDs and FNPTs for fixed-wing aircraft.

It features a fully enclosed cockpit with realistic dual controls, dual pilot instrument screens and cyclic layout. It offers full autopilot capability with a flight director and navigation coupled to VOR and GPS.

It is equipped with a three-channel external visual system, with various optional visual packages available up to 220°. The Elite S623 can be customised to allow training for specific helicopter tasks such as oil rig supply flying, external load carrying and flights in and out of helipads and meets all standards and performance criteria to qualify for JAA, JAR-STD 3(H), CASA FSD2 Cat B STD and FAA helicopter training device requirements.

The system's first sales have both been made in Australasia, one to the Philips Search & Rescue Trust based at Hamilton, New Zealand, and the other to Exxon Mobil in Australia.

Full details of the new Elite S623 helicopter FTD will be available at Elite's stand 7300 at the International Heli Trade Show.

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Note to Editors: You and your staff will be very welcome on Elite's stand 7300 at the International Heli Trade Show. Ask for Heinrich Schaible (Director of Sales & Marketing), Marco Kern (Marketing Manager) or Robert Minge (Helicopter Development).

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