



**Dübendorf, Switzerland, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004** - Elite Simulation Solutions AG, the Swiss manufacturer of PC-based flight simulation systems, has finalized the development of the ELITE evolution S623 Helicopter STD. The new helicopter training device will be installed at Phillips Search & Rescue Trust in New Zealand beginning of March 2004.

The ELITE evolution S623 Helicopter system has been customized to the specific requirements of the customer, enabling the simulation of a single turbine helicopter based on the Eurocopter AS350B "Squirrel".

The Synthetic Training Device features a three-channel external visual system and a fully enclosed helicopter cockpit with dual pilot instrument screen and cyclic layout. The STD has been built to meet Australian CASA category b synthetic trainer requirements.

Elite's Marketing & Sales Manager, René Huddlestone, says: "The new helicopter training device is a milestone for our company. Helicopter operators are faced with very high aircraft operational costs. The ELITE evolution S623 will now also enable Helicopter operators to minimize their pilot training costs. The S623 offers a low cost training solution without compromising the quality that customers have come to expect from Elite's fixed-wing FNPT and BITD training devices."

The new ELITE evolution S623 Helicopter has been shipped to Melbourne, Australia for a February 24<sup>th</sup> media launch at Moorabin Airport. Subsequently the S623 will be installed at the Philips Search & Rescues Hamilton base in New Zealand. The launch in Melbourne is hosted in cooperation with Elite's Australian dealer Simflight Pty Ltd.

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