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## Viking Appoints Ansett Aviation Training as Factory Endorsed Training Centre for CL-415 Aerial Firefighting Aircraft

**Nimes, France, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017:** Viking Air Limited of Victoria, BC, Canada has signed an agreement welcoming Ansett Aviation Training of Melbourne, Australia to the Amphibious Aircraft Division support network, joining Viking’s sister-company Pacific Sky Aviation Inc. as the second Factory Endorsed Training Centre (“FETC”) for the Viking CL-415 aerial firefighting aircraft.

The FETC agreement will create a strategic partnership between Viking and Ansett Aviation Training that will benefit CL-415 operators by ensuring they receive Viking OEM technical support coordinated with the highest level of CL-415 training possible.

As part of the agreement, Ansett will invest in the development of the first-ever Level “D” Full Flight Simulator for the CL-415, to be supplied by TRU Simulation + Training and installed at their new state-of-the-art training centre at Milan-Malpensa Airport, Italy in 2018. Development of the CL-415 flight simulator will leverage the experience gained from TRU Simulation’s manufacture of the Level “D” Full Flight Simulator for the Viking Series 400 Twin Otter, including unique seaplane capability.

“Manufacturing the CL-415 simulator to a Level D standard is an exciting and challenging project, but with the combined ability of Viking, Ansett and TRU Simulation, we are confident we will deliver a highly valued training experience to CL-415 operators from our new training centre in Milan by the end of next year,” said David Garside, CEO, Ansett Aviation Training.

Ansett Aviation Training was selected as a Viking Factory Endorsed Training Centre due to their experience providing flexible training solutions and global network of world-class training facilities.

### About Ansett Aviation Training

Ansett Aviation Training is one of the world’s leading independent providers of aviation training services, and the largest aviation training centre in the Southern Hemisphere covering the broadest fleet in the world. Based in Melbourne Australia, Ansett provides quality training to airlines, aircraft operators and pilots from around the world.

### About Viking Air Limited:

Headquartered in Victoria, BC, Viking is the global leader in utility aircraft services, and the manufacturer of the world-renowned Series 400 Twin Otter. Viking is the Original Type Certificate holder for all out-of-production de Havilland aircraft, DHC-1 through the DHC-7, and provides exclusive spare parts manufacturing and product support for the legacy de Havilland fleet. In 2007 Viking launched the Twin Otter Series 400 production program, and to date new Viking aircraft have sold to 29 countries worldwide.

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VIKING is the manufacturer of the Twin Otter Series 400 aircraft, and provides complete support for the de Havilland legacy fleet.





In October 2016, Viking acquired the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for the CL-215, CL-215T, CL-415 aircraft and all variants from Bombardier. With the Type Certificate transfer, Viking assumed responsibility for product support for the global fleet of 170 aerial firefighters.

Viking is managed by Longview Aviation Capital and forms part of the portfolio of a prominent Canadian family investment firm which maintains a long-term investment horizon and is one of the leading investors in the Canadian aviation industry. For additional information, please visit [www.vikingair.com](http://www.vikingair.com).

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