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Twin Otter Flight Training Centre Receives CAAC Approval

Type Training of Chinese Twin Otter Crews Begins July 2018

Farnborough, England, July 16th, 2018: Today at the 2018 Farnborough International Airshow, Pacific Sky Aviation announced that the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC) has issued a Flight Training Center Certificate for its Twin Otter Training Centre in Calgary, Alberta.

After an extensive audit of Pacific Sky Aviation's facility, Twin Otter training programs, curricula, training equipment, instructor qualifications, and both inspection and compliance management programs, the CAAC concluded that Pacific Sky's Training Centre complies with all requirements of China Civil Aviation Regulations – Part 142, and has authorized Type rating training for the following courses: Initial, Recurrent, Differences, Upgrade, Re-Qualification and Proficiency Checks.

With receipt of the CAAC Flight Training Center Certificate, Pacific Sky Aviation can deliver Twin Otter Initial training courses for Chinese crews beginning this month.

Pacific Sky Aviation CEO, Michael Coughlin, said, "Within our first year of operation of the Twin Otter Training Centre, we have achieved Transport Canada and EASA approvals of our Level "D" Full Flight Simulator and have been training customers from around the world. The approval of the Twin Otter Training Centre by the CAAC is the final milestone in our efforts to provide type training for Chinese pilots, and follows the CAAC technical approval of the Level "D" simulator we achieved in February of 2018. Our Training Centre team is prepared to welcome the first Chinese crews for Initial type training and are looking forward to a long-term relationship with Twin Otter customers in China."



David Curtis, Viking President & CEO said, “The demand for the Series 400 in China is infinite, particularly in respect to seaplanes. With the help of Pacific Sky’s Twin Otter Series 400 training program, Level “D” simulator with seaplane capability, and now receipt of the CAAC Flight Training Centre Certificate, we’re confident we’ll be able to meet the flight training demand for the emerging Chinese market.”

About Pacific Sky Aviation Inc.

Pacific Sky Aviation, operating from facilities at the Calgary International Airport and the Victoria International Airport, provides Twin Otter flight training, Transport Canada approved flight training (FTU), Twin Otter Series 400 production testing, ferry delivery services, corporate flight operations and Aircraft Maintenance services (AMO).

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 30 countries worldwide.

In 2016, Viking acquired the Type Certificates (manufacturing rights) for the Canadair CL-215, CL-215T, and CL-415 aircraft. With this transfer, Viking assumed responsibility for all 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 that 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.

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Approved by CAAC - Pacific Sky Aviation's Level D Series 400 Twin Otter Full Flight Simulator

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