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## Bristow Forms Exclusive Partnership with Helicentre Aviation for UK Pilot Training

**ABERDEEN, Scotland, April 7, 2022** — Bristow Group Inc. (NYSE: VTOL), the global leader in innovative and sustainable vertical flight solutions, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Helicentre Aviation Ltd, the UK's leading helicopter training academy, to serve as its preferred provider of ab-initio commercial pilot training.

Under the MOU, through this collaborative initiative, Bristow will support Helicentre with the promotion of future pilot career events, actively support the development and mentoring of future aviators and engage with those training to become helicopter pilots at the early stage of their career. In return Helicentre will be Bristow's preferred provider of ab-initio pilot training and recruitment in the UK, supporting the sponsored programmes run by Bristow. Cadets will have access to Bristow's flight ops team, which support both commercial air transport and search and rescue activities, with the ability to visit live operations.

Helicentre has and continues to support Bristow as the selected partner for its sponsored UK cadet programme. The programme provides fully funded training, from ab-initio to commercial pilot on an Integrated CPL(H) course. Bristow also funds training for a multi-engine instrument rating under its UK cadet programme. The UK sponsored programme selects a number of candidates annually, with over a thousand applications being received for the most recent course that is currently underway.

Upon completion of their initial pilot training, pilots undergo further training with Bristow's operational fleet. This specialised training is normally completed at Bristow's training facility in Dyce, Aberdeen, which is the only facility of its kind in the UK. The purpose-built centre has three helicopter simulators which use advanced full motion technology, combined with realistic visuals to replicate the experience of flying either the Leonardo AW189, Sikorsky S-92 or S76 types.

"The signing of the MOU with Helicentre formalises a successful relationship that has been ongoing for the last 3-4 years. Helicentre is a key ab-initio training organization in the UK and the support they have provided Bristow with our sponsored cadet programme has been invaluable. The formalising of this relationship once again highlights Bristow's commitment to nurturing the aviators of the future," said Matt Rhodes, Bristow UK Director. "Our relationship with Helicentre and the diversity of our global helicopter business, has made Bristow the first choice for a career in rotary aviation and that has delivered many high-quality pilots over the years."

Helicentre hosts regular open days and virtual seminars with Bristow to provide an opportunity for those interested to find out more about the training they provide, sponsored programmes, visit the training centre, and speak to members of the team about the career opportunities available to aspiring pilots. Both companies will announce the open dates for sponsorship later this year. The full-time, 12-month course is a fast-track and cost-effective

route to becoming a professional helicopter pilot, and it is the only integrated rotary CPL course approved in the UK.

“We take great pride in training pilots to fly for Bristow. The added incentive students receive as a result of ongoing interaction with one of the largest operators of rotary aircraft in the UK, adds to the overall gold standard training experience they can’t get anywhere else,” said Chris Line, Helicentre Aviation Chairman. “This MOU formalizes and reinforces the fact that so many of our students have gone on to have successful careers with Bristow, and our partnership will continue to ensure there is a steady supply of highly trained rotary pilots for the future.”

Helicentre and Bristow will be exhibiting together at Pilot Careers Live on 9<sup>th</sup> April at London Heathrow. Key personnel from both companies will be on-hand to offer careers advice, and encourage anyone interested in learning more about careers in helicopter operations to visit their stand.



## About Bristow Group

Bristow Group Inc. is the leading global provider of innovative and sustainable vertical flight solutions. Bristow primarily provides aviation services to a broad base of major integrated, national and independent energy companies. Bristow provides commercial search and rescue (SAR) services in several countries and public sector SAR services in the United

Kingdom (U.K.) on behalf of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency. Additionally, the Company also offers fixed wing transportation and other aviation related solutions. Bristow currently has customers in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, India, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad, the U.K. and the U.S. To learn more, visit our website at [www.bristowgroup.com](http://www.bristowgroup.com).

### **About Helicentre Aviation**

Helicentre Aviation Ltd. has more than 20 years of experience primarily training and supplying professional helicopter pilots to industry in support of the UK and global crew supply chain. Helicentre is CAA approved to provide ab-initio through to multi-engine instrument and flight instructor training, including the UK's only integrated CPL(H) course. To learn more, visit their website at [www.flyheli.co.uk](http://www.flyheli.co.uk).

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