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AUSTRALIAN AVIATION INDUSTRY BENEFITS FROM LOCAL SAFETY SEMINAR

Local aviation auditing company Flight Safety Pty Ltd, specialising in aviation safety external audits and risk assessment, will be holding its annual Flight Safety Seminar from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th September.

Conducted at the Hyatt Regency Coolom, the event combines External Audit Development Strategies, Helideck Inspection Procedures and specific Flight Safety training for all personnel.

Flight Safety Helideck Certification Pty Ltd has entered into a long term contract with the Aberdeen-based Helideck Certification Agency (HCA) - a Scottish company that inspects and certifies helicopter landing areas. The HCA is responsible for the inspection and certification of all helidecks on oil-related offshore vessels and installations operating in UK and Norwegian waters – over 700 in total.

The alliance forged will see the HCA enter the Australian and south-east Asia offshore markets for the first time and will see its international expertise deployed across Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Flight Safety Managing Director Colin Weir said: "The benefits to the oil and gas industry in Australasia are enormous as the arrangement will see us 'import' expertise gained in the North Sea."

Colin Weir was also recently featured in an ABC Foreign Correspondent story regarding aviation safety issues in Papua New Guinea, relating to the recent Kokoda fatal accident.

The Flight Safety Seminar will showcase delegates from HCA, the Australian Flight Safety Foundation, Avise, Naverus, Helicopters New Zealand, ERGT Australia, Woodside Energy Limited and representatives of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Topics of discussion and analysis include Aviation Minimum Standards, Risk Based Aviation Auditing, Helideck Offshore/Approach Procedures, Offshore Survival and Quality/Safety Management Systems within the aviation industry.

Expansion and implemented quality assurance procedures have seen Flight Safety Pty Ltd gain Lloyd's Register International/AS/NZS ISO 9001:2008 certification, the first aviation auditing company in Australia to achieve such an accolade.

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The Flight Safety team at the 2008 seminar