



Pilatus contracts ELITE Simulation Solutions AG for a PC-9M simulator

Zurich, April 2003, Pilatus Aircraft Ltd has awarded a contract to design and build a PC-9M aircraft STD to Elite Simulation Solutions, the Swiss-based world-leading manufacturer of PC-based IFR training systems.

The new simulator is for the Irish Air Corps (IAC) to train pilots to fly the PC-9M training aircraft, 8 of which have been ordered from Pilatus by the Irish Minister for Defence.

Elite will develop and produce the PC-9M STD (Synthetic Training Device) and a complete integrated logistics package. The STD will be an integral part of a ground-based training system that will be delivered to the IAC in May 2004 and which will use Elite's advanced PC-based software.

It will include a detailed replica of the original PC-9M cockpit and will have glass cockpit instrumentation. Apart from a newly conceived instructor's station the STD will feature an external Elite GenView® and Elite RealView® visual system offering all-round visibility of 220°.

From the outset the requirements for the Elite PC-9M STD were defined by close co-operation with the experienced staff of the Pilatus Training Department. Elite says that this will ensure that the customer's expectations are fully met. The STD will be built to meet both JAR STD-2A Level 2 and FNPT II JAR-STD-3A certification requirement.

Elite's Chief Executive Officer, Gerhard Thamm, said: "We are very pleased to have received this order and are very proud to have been chosen by a leading and future-orientated aircraft company like Pilatus Aircraft Ltd, which is currently developing the all new PC-21 advanced trainer. The order puts faith in Elite's PC-based simulation solutions which, with their low maintenance, high reliability and excellent value, offer huge advantages over conventional simulation solutions".

The PC-9M, manufactured at the Pilatus headquarters at Stans, Switzerland is well established as an advanced pilot trainer, with over 240 aircraft operating for air forces in 13 countries. With 60 years of Swiss tradition and quality linked to the use of the latest aircraft technology, Pilatus offers high quality commercial and training aircraft. No other company has more experience with single engine turboprop aircraft than Pilatus.

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