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Capital time to grow business

Helicopter operator flies high as it expands and rebrands

London, April 8, 2009. Oxford Air Services, one of the UK's most established helicopter charter firms is relaunching as Capital Air Services (Capital) today. The company has been in business since 1994 and has literally outgrown its name. "We realised that people were confused by fact that we were called 'Oxford' Air Services when we fly from all over the UK and into Europe. We felt that Capital was more representative of our client base and capabilities," says Michael Hampton, Managing Director.

Capital is flying in the face of the current financial turbulence by expanding its business at a time when many in the industry are downsizing. The company has just taken delivery of a state of the art Eurocopter EC155, a helicopter capable of carrying up to 8 passengers in speed and comfort. Hampton says: "We saw there was a demand for a larger aircraft in our fleet and have been pleased with the response we have received since the helicopter arrived."

According to Hampton, although there has been some downturn in the industry, Capital has had a steady number of requests from people wishing to travel further and the EC155 will help cater for that market. He adds: "Our clients wish to avoid the endless traffic on the roads and prefer to fly. Having been one of the largest helicopter shuttle service providers to the Silverstone Grand Prix, we understand the unique requirements of flying just one, or a large number of clients, smoothly and with no fuss."

Capital anticipates brisk business for the forthcoming season. "People still want to travel and be entertained," adds Hampton. The company is no stranger to glamour and featured in the Girls Aloud Christmas special.

Hampton is optimistic about the future. "We're looking forward to a busy summer, and to introducing more people to the convenience of private charter," he says.

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Editor's notes

About Capital Air Services

With a fleet of modern helicopters on its AOC, Capital Air Services retains a team of highly skilled, and experienced pilots. Their backgrounds include work in the armed forces, offshore operations in the challenging North Sea oilfields, filming and motorsport coverage.

The company also offers charter services by corporate jet worldwide. Capital specialises in filming and surveying projects, emergency services missions and helicopter charter to a wide range of sporting events or private flights for business and pleasure.

Capital has a flourishing management service with the resources, experience and expertise needed to administer and operate helicopters, jets and turboprop aircraft.

Headquartered at Oxford Airport, Capital Air Services operates under its own Air Operators Certificate and has easy access to all regions of the UK.

About Michael Hampton, Managing Director and chief pilot

Michael Hampton served as a helicopter pilot in the British Army before joining the commercial aviation industry. He initially specialised in purchasing and leasing aircraft while freelancing as a pilot with several UK helicopter charter companies.

He founded the company in 1994, providing sales and charter services for both fixed-wing and rotary-wing customers. Combining business expertise with his hands-on flying skills, Michael has built a loyal customer following in the corporate charter business as well as in specialist markets such as film and aerial survey. He personally selects all of Capital Air Services' pilots.

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