CAE-LÍDER JOINT VENTURE STRENGTHEN ITS TRAINING PARTNERSHIP WITH LEONARDO

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CAE-Líder, the joint venture between **CAE** and **Líder Aviação**, and **Leonardo** announced at the **2017 Heli Expo** the signature of an agreement to designate **CAE-Líder** as the Recognised Flight Simulation Centre (RFSC) for the delivery of OEM quality **AgustaWestland AW139** flight simulator hours supporting training in South America.

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The recently deployed **AW139** full-flight simulator (FFS), jointly developed by **CAE** and **Leonardo Helicopters**, has been qualified to Level D, the highest qualification for flight simulators by the Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) of Brazil. The CAE 3000 Series FFS has been ready for training since Fall 2016, supporting initial, recurrent and offshore oil and gas training for **AW139** pilots in Saõ Paulo, Brazil and throughout South America.

“We are proud to designate **CAE-Líder** as the regional flight simulation centre supporting the delivery of **AW139**training in this significant market, said Daniele Romiti, Managing Director, Leonardo Helicopters. This agreement marks another evolutionary step forward in the growth and development of Leonardo’s global helicopter training network, as well as our commitment to supporting our customers as close as possible to the point of operations.”

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“**It is an honor to build on our training partnership with Leonardo** and for our flight simulation training centre to receive Leonardo’s approval, bringing the first high-fidelity **AW139** training solution to the South American market,” said Nick Leontidis, CAE’s Group President, Civil Aviation Training Solutions. “This approval reaffirms our dedication to provide high-quality training to our partners.”

“We are delighted to be part of this partnership, reinforcing our investment in providing high-quality and safety mission-specific training to both our pilots and customers in the region,” said Eduardo Vaz, Líder Aviação CEO.

This arrangement also includes a very close working relationship including courseware and training standards with **Leonardo’s flagship A Marchetti Training Academy in Italy**, which will support the approval process of the RFSC, and Leonardo Helicopters Support Centre in Brazil who collaborates with CAE-Líder operationally.

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