New Zealand is Metro’s newest international training partner

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The Helicopter Flight Training Center, a Metro Aviation company, has expanded its international reach to New Zealand. The Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand recognized and approved the new EC145 Level D simulator training provided to HeliOtago, the country’s largest helicopter operator based at Taieri Airfield in Mosgiel, Otago. Authorities from the FAA, Argentina and Canada have also certified the simulator.

Representatives from HeliOtago were recently at the training center in Shreveport to spend time in the simulator in an effort to get approval for a HeliOtago EC145 training course. “To say we got a lot out of the training is a huge understatement,” said Chief Pilot Grant Withers.

“We are pleased to provide the training resources to our colleagues in New Zealand,” said Training Center Director Terry Palmer. “Safety plays an important part in their training culture and we are happy to assist them.” The Helicopter Flight Training Center also provides training resources to operators in Brazil, Columbia, Peru and India, as well as several domestic organizations.
The FlightSafety International simulator, developed with the assistance of Metro Aviation, is first Level D full motion simulator for the EC145 in North America.

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**About Helicopter Flight Training Center:**
The Helicopter Flight Training Center, based in Shreveport, Louisiana, United States, specializes in training for pilots and maintenance technicians. The training center is equipped with an EC135 Level D Full Motion Simulator and an AS350 Level 7 Flight Training Device. In addition, technicians can receive factory maintenance training for Pratt & Whitney and Turbomeca engines. For additional information, contact Terry Palmer at 318.698.5809 or tpalmer@metroaviation.com.