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DEMAND FOR FLIGHTSAFETY'S TRAINING SERVICES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES TO INCREASE

LA GUARDIA AIRPORT, New York (March 8, 2012) – FlightSafety International continues to experience increased demand for its training services in the Middle East and surrounding region.

"We have experienced a significant increase in demand for our services in the Middle East and surrounding region," said Scott Fera, Vice President, Sales and Marketing. The high quality training FlightSafety provides, and the investments we are making in new programs and simulators throughout our network of Learning Centers, are expected to further increase our presence in this important area."

FlightSafety provided well over 2,000 training events to Customers from the Middle East in the past year. This includes pilot, maintenance, flight attendant and dispatch training for operators of a wide variety of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. Training has increased significantly since 2007. Cessna aircraft programs were up by 26%; Embraer 92%; Gulfstream 22%; Sikorsky 84%; and maintenance training was up by 30%. Customers from the region train at our Centers in Asia, Europe and throughout North and South America.

The training FlightSafety provided to operators in the Middle East increased the most during the past year among those based in Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Kuwait, Oman, and Turkey.

"As with all regions of the world, we continuously measure the current and expected future demand for our training services and add new programs and locations as appropriate to ensure that we offer access to conveniently located, high quality training programs and services that meet the specific needs of our Customers," said Scott Fera.

FlightSafety is currently investing in the design and manufacture of 14 new Level D-qualified simulators that will be installed at FlightSafety Learning Centers this year and next. New simulators for aircraft training programs not currently offered by FlightSafety include the AgustaWestland AW139, Bombardier Challenger 605, Global 5000 and Global 6000, Embraer Legacy 450 and 650, Falcon 900LX, Gulfstream G280 and G650, HondaJet, Pilatus PC-12 and Sikorsky S-76D.

Recent and upcoming expansions to FlightSafety's Learning Center network includes the opening of a Learning Center in Hong Kong, a new Maintenance Training Center for Cessna in Wichita, and an increase in the number of locations for Pratt & Whitney Canada engine training worldwide. The company has added training locations for the Gulfstream G450 and G550 aircraft in Dallas and Hong Kong and will also increase its fleet of Gulfstream G650 simulators to three.

FlightSafety International is the world's premier professional aviation training company and supplier of flight simulators, visual systems and displays to commercial, government and military organizations. The company provides more than a million hours of training each year to pilots, technicians and other aviation professionals from 154 countries and independent territories. FlightSafety operates the world's largest fleet of advanced full flight simulators at Learning Centers and training locations in Asia, Europe, North and South America, the Pacific Rim and South Africa.

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