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Diamond Aircraft Industries and IAFTP to collaborate on programs for the professional flight training market

July 5, 2013: Christian Dries, Chairman and CEO of **Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH** (<http://www.diamond-air.at/>), and Robert Barnes, President and CEO of **The International Association of Flight Training Professionals** (IAFTP) (<http://www.iaftp.org/>) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on programs for the international professional flight training market. Initially, these will include:

- Promotion of IAFTP's global initiative to facilitate the sharing of effective pilot training practices;
- Promotion of the IAFTP electronic CV (eCV) currently under development with the Saudi Aviation Flight Academy (SAFA) to Diamond's other flight training customers around the world; and
- The creation of a private forum on the IAFTP website for use by Diamond Professional Flight Instructors.

About Diamond Aircraft Industries: **Diamond Aircraft Industries** (<http://www.diamond-air.at/>) designs, manufactures and sells a family of general aviation aircraft and actively promotes high quality training aircraft (e.g. DA20, DA40, DA42), Flight Training Devices (FTDs), and other complementary value-added products/services to the international flight training market.

About IAFTP: The **International Association of Flight Training Professionals** (<http://www.iaftp.org/>) is an organization dedicated to helping improve the competency of all pilots – in airline, air taxi, business, and general aviation – so as to enhance overall aviation safety. Its primary objective is to provide a credible, independent, international clearinghouse for pilot training best practices that have been developed by flight training professionals to respond to individual pilot or operator needs. And, its secondary objective is to insure that every pilot has a secure, private way to document for life all personal flight training and experience as it relates to these best practices and various regulatory requirements. IAFTP members are flight training professionals directly involved in the conduct and/or support of pilot training activities in more than 60 countries.

About the SAFA eCV Program: The **Saudi Aviation Flight Academy (SAFA)** (<http://www.saflightacademy.com>), a Diamond Aircraft customer, is working with IAFTP to develop and field test the IAFTP electronic CV system – a pilot's personal curriculum vitae – for all SAFA students and instructors. The IAFTP eCV System (patent pending) interfaces with the Talon ETA (<http://www.talon-systems.com/>) training management system used by SAFA to manage its flight training operations. Read more about the IAFTP eCV here: <http://www.iaftp.org/about-iaftp/electronic-cv/>.

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