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SuperJet International's pilots receive SSJ100 Type Rating Certification from EASA

SuperJet International Training Organization achieved the Type Rating Certification on the SSJ100 (RRJ95B) issued by EASA.

Four SJI pilots - instructors and examiners - are the first western pilots to obtain the Type Rating to fly the SSJ100 aircraft in the countries recognized by EASA airworthiness regulations.

The Certification represents an important milestone for the SSJ100 program which can now benefit from this additional training qualification confirmed by the European Airworthiness and Safety Agency. Now SJI Training organization is able to extend the SSJ100 training to pilots licensed in those countries recognized by EASA rules.

During their professional careers Capt. Agostino Frediani, Capt. Carlo Occhiato, Capt. Alberto Zucconi Galli Fonseca and Capt. Luciano Fornari flew a total of over 50.000 flight hours and made 5.000 hours of simulator training.

The Type Rating has been issued by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and follows the SSJ100 (RRJ95) Type Certificate by EASA.

SuperJet International Aviation Training Center in Moscow has been approved by the Russian Authority RosAviaciya, in accordance with the Russian Federal Aviation Order 23, in January 2012 and it is currently providing training on SSJ100 type to aviation and maintenance personnel.

SuperJet International's Flight Training Organization counts on 15 pilots: 2 test pilots acting as TRI/TRE (Type Rating Instructor), 4 TRI/TRE (Type Rating Examiner), 5 TRI, 4 SFI (Synthetic Flight Instructor).

Up to date over 100 pilots of both Aeroflot and Armavia airlines completed the training courses at the SJI Training Centers.

These courses, provided in English and Russian, were managed by SJI's international and professional team coming from different countries (Italy, Russia, Lithuania, USA and Germany), who proactively participated in the lessons. The Training programs were accomplished by using temporarily a flight Training Device (FTD) and since November 2011 a Full Flight Simulator level C available at the TC of Zhukovsky, Moscow.

SuperJet International, which is in charge of the Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100) sales and marketing in the Western markets, is also responsible for training and after-sales support all over the world. Given the international nature of the product, SuperJet International has established two facilities based in Venice and in Moscow for its training opportunities.

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About SuperJet International

SuperJet International, a joint venture between Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica Company (51%) and Sukhoi Holding (49%), is in charge of the marketing, sales, customization and delivery of the Sukhoi Superjet 100 regional jet in Europe, the Americas, Oceania, Africa and Japan. The Company is also responsible for training and worldwide after-sales support, as well as the design and development of VIP and cargo variants. A SuperJet International branch is active in Moscow, together with a sales office in Washington, DC, U.S.A.

Sukhoi Superjet 100 (SSJ100) is a 100 seat regional jet designed, developed and built by Sukhoi Civil Aircraft Company (SCAC), in partnership with Alenia Aermacchi. On May 19th 2008 SSJ100 successfully accomplished its first flight. The Sukhoi Superjet 100 cruises at a Maximum Operating Speed of Mach 0.81 and 40,000 feet. It takes off from a 1,731 meters runway in the basic range and 2,052 meters in the long range. The operating range for the basic version is 3,048 km and 4,578 km for the long range version. In January 2011, the SSJ100 obtained the Type Certificate by the Russian Certification Authority IAC AR. On April 19th 2011 first production SSJ100 was delivered to Armavia airlines (Armenia). In February 2012, the SSJ100 obtained the EASA Type Certificate. Nine SSJ100s are currently in service with Armavia and Aeroflot.

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