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**Baines Simmons to provide bespoke safety and airworthiness audits
and assessment services to Air Partner clients**

Baines Simmons, one of the aviation industry's most respected safety performance improvement consultancies, is to offer Air Partner's Oil and Gas clients bespoke safety and airworthiness audits and assessment services, following its acquisition in August this year by Air Partner plc.

This added-value arrangement – a first for the offshore charter jet industry - ensures the very highest standards of safety and airworthiness for the corporate jets offered by Air Partner and provides their clients with the reassurance that the unique demands posed by servicing the needs of the offshore oil industry can be met seamlessly.

With extensive specialist expertise in safety, regulations and compliance-focussed diagnostic consulting services, Baines Simmons offers:

- Extensive experience of completing safety and airworthiness audits and assessments of charter operators (Rotary and Fixed wing)
- A dedicated team of more than 40 experienced aircraft surveyors and safety consultants, each one highly competent in assessing airworthiness and safety standards
- A specialist technical team of consultants with practical expertise and experience of working in the flight charter sector
- Airworthiness and safety performance improvement programmes (diagnostics and performance improvement programmes)
- Recent, global experience and insights gained from working with many of the world's major oil industry operators: Shell; CHC; Bond, Bristow Helicopters; Babcock Mission Critical Services (Avincis); Caverton Helicopters and ERA Helicopters

In addition, working with Aviation Authorities and as a member of UK-based Heli offshore, Baines Simmons actively contributes to and steers industry debate on safety issues affecting providers of air transportation, contributing to the sharing and dissemination of best practice safety standards across the industry.

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About the Air Partner Group:

Founded in 1961, Air Partner is a global aviation services group that provides worldwide solutions to industry, commerce, governments and private individuals. The Group is structured into four reporting divisions: Commercial Jets, Private Jets, Freight and Baines Simmons. The Commercial Jet division charters large airliners to move groups of any size. Private Jets offers the company's unique pre-paid JetCard scheme and on-demand charter. Air Partner Freight charters aircraft of every size to fly almost any cargo anywhere, at any time. Cabot Aviation, which is formed within the Commercial Jet division, provides comprehensive remarketing programmes for all types of commercial and corporate aircraft to a wide range of international clients. Baines Simmons is a world leader in Aviation Safety Consulting which specialises in aviation regulation, compliance and safety management. Air Partner is headquartered alongside Gatwick airport in the UK. Air Partner operates 24/7 year-round and has 20 offices globally. Air Partner is listed on the London Stock Exchange (AIR) and is also ISO 9001:2008 compliant for commercial airline and private jet solutions worldwide. www.airpartner.com

About Baines Simmons Limited:

Founded in 2001, Baines Simmons is a world leader in Aviation Safety Consulting, specialising in aviation regulation, compliance and safety management. They are a trusted advisor to more than 750 aviation organisations and more than 40 Aviation Authorities. Baines Simmons helps to advance best practice, shape safety thinking and drive continuous improvement to safety performance. This is achieved through its three service offerings: consulting, training and outsourced services. Through these services, Baines Simmons has helped develop the skills and expertise of more than 120,000 aviation professionals across multiple facets of the aviation industry. Clients include: KLM, SAS, Thomas Cook, Thomson, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, The Isle of Man Government, BAE Systems, MoD, Rolls Royce, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy, Airbus, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and UK Military Aviation Authority (MAA). www.bainessimmons.com

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