

**Press Release**

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**LGM Skyservice Mannheim becomes a new member of the Verband Deutscher Verkehrsfliegerschulen (VDV)**

**VDV expands its training locations: Pilot training courses are available at 17 locations in Germany now.**

The Verband Deutscher Verkehrsfliegerschulen (VDV) approved membership of the Mannheim based **LGM Mannheim** flight school at the General Assembly held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Thus, 14 VDV affiliated flight schools will now be coordinating their teaching programs all of which are designed toward the specific needs of the market. "With the LGM joining the association the training opportunities offered at the German locations will get even more attractive to prospective flight students and, at the same time, strengthen our aeronautical competence that derives from the experienced network of partners", Udo Harter, president of the VDV, welcomes the new member. Synergies achieved through the regular exchange of know-how and experience could be used to optimise and secure the quality standard of the pilot training, Harter goes on.

Since 1992 the VDV has been representing the interests of those German flight schools offering commercial flight training courses (ATPL). The VDV aims to ensure a high-quality cockpit training in accordance with the German aviation standards. The schools' teaching programs encompass theoretical lessons (also as distance leaning course), practical flight procedure and, most recently, also a MPL training. All 14 flight schools carry JAR-FCL approval thus complying with the EU-wide regulations and requirements for the training and licensing of pilots.

A vast majority of all junior pilots still take training at one of the VDV affiliated schools. The cyclical development of the commercial aviation market has shown that especially in periods of economic downturn the decision to start a two-year pilot training can be of advantage. Those starting a course right now could be available by the time pilots might be sought after again, Harter explains.

Extensive information on pilot training courses is available at **[www.verkehrsfliegerschulen.de](http://www.verkehrsfliegerschulen.de)** and on the school's individual websites indicated on the homepage of the VDV. Since August 2009 applicants not being in command of the German language have been invited to browse the English VDV site.

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