Jeppesen ab initio training prepares new pilots

- In partnership with Boeing and Emirates Aviation College, Jeppesen began the ab initio pilot training program in 2011 to help our customers solve their growing pilot shortage problem - globally.
- Two classes are currently enrolled in the program with great success.

- EAC 001 Class, Lisbon, Started Mar - 2012
- EAC 002 Class, Dubai, Started Oct - 2012

- See below for more details, including a new Jeppesen ab initio website that will launch later this year.
Success of ab initio training helps secure the future of aviation, preparing the next-generation of pilots

For nearly 80 years, Jeppesen has been essential in preparing the aviation industry for the future. Never has this been more important across the industry than today, with projections indicating that more than 460,000 pilots will be needed over the next 20 years. To help meet the growing demand, Jeppesen launched an ab initio pilot training program in 2011 to help airlines ensure adequate pilot staffing levels in regions that are currently facing pilot shortages.

In a joint collaboration with Emirates Aviation College and Boeing, Jeppesen’s first class of ab initio cadets began the 16-month program with ground school and theory training in March 2012, as the first step toward earning a JAA/EASA Frozen Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL). After completing eight months of ground school training in Dubai, the first class of cadets in the Jeppesen Emirates Aviation College licensed pilot training program have moved on to the flight training portion of their training in Lisbon, Portugal.

With 18 new cadets, the second group of ab initio pilots began their training in October 2012 for the JAA/EASA Frozen ATPL. Three courses are scheduled in Dubai for 2013, and the launch of the global program is also scheduled for later this year.

Following completion of the 16-month pilot training program, successful Emirates Aviation College cadets will have the opportunity to continue their education by enrolling in a Bachelor’s of Science degree program in Aviation at the institution.

Stay tuned for more information about the development of this successful program, including a Jeppesen ab initio website launch scheduled for later this year.