



Partnership between Défense Conseil International and VSM to develop military helicopter training

Paris, 25th October 2016 - **Défense Conseil International (DCI)**, reference operator of the French ministry of Defence for the transfer of French military know-how abroad, and **VSM**, expert in real time piloting simulation for airplanes and helicopters, are shedding light over their partnership to develop helicopter training and practice services. The two actors are hence meeting an important helicopter cargo crewmembers training need by implementing an innovative solution.

Although helicopter training covers most of the needs for pilots and technicians, today there is a genuine need for cargo crewmembers who stand at the heart of helicopter missions success. DCI is currently training thirty trainees from Gulf countries - a figure which may eventually double.

The training relies on an innovative and multipurpose simulator for hoisting and firing with a machine gun from a firing port along with a mobile cabin with a pool enabling a realistic practice for sea hoisting. Innovation lies at the heart of DCI trainings which include digitalisation and put new uses to work for the benefit of pedagogy for trainees. In addition to its effectiveness, this simulator can save substantial amounts when compared to helicopter flight.

Thus crews have a practice tool tailored to their missions, in particular to SAR (search and rescue) and CSAR (combat search and rescue).

About DCI

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