



ESMA hosted an important delegation from the Interior Ministry of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

ESMA Aviation Academy had the honour of receiving an important delegation representing the Saudi Arabian Interior Ministry and Directorate-General of Civil Defense.

ESMA's two sites at Montpellier and Paris Val d'Europe welcomed major figures from the largest country in the Arabian Peninsular on Tuesday 12th and Saturday 16th July 2011.

Expected with the delegation are:

- General M. Al Harbi, Director-General of helicopter bases
- Colonel R. Al Aseeti, Programmes and Training Director

The visit arises from the purchase of numerous helicopters by Saudi Arabia and the related training needs for 250 pilots and 350 maintenance technicians.

ESMA has been short-listed alongside Italian and British training centres to provide this training.

The 8-year contract will begin in 2012.

ESMA Aviation Academy occupies a unique position in training for the 4 main aviation roles: Airline & Helicopter Pilot (in partnership with Azur Hélicoptère), Air Hostess/Steward, Maintenance Engineer and airport roles. A strategic partner of Airbus, ATR and EADS, ESMA also diversifies its expertise through carrying out consulting assignments internationally which has allowed it to create 2 subsidiaries in Vietnam and China.

The school consists of 140 employees across its 2 main sites in Montpellier and Paris. More than 2,500 courses are delivered annually by more than 100 highly-qualified instructors. ESMA operates a fleet of latest-generation aircraft and flight simulators and expects to carry out more than 30,000 flying hours in 2011. Its website www.esma.fr has registered more than 250,000 visits in 2010.

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