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Helicopter Association International and NGFT Solutions Collaborate to Introduce New Flight Risk Assessment Tool

Alexandria, Va. (November 17, 2021) – Helicopter Association International and Swiss-based aviation software and training provider NGFT Solutions are pleased to announce the soft release of a set of tools produced to assist rotorcraft professionals in evaluating risks during flights or in the workplace.

The flight risk assessment tool (FRAT) currently features an easy-to-use question-and-answer format, giving crews a common understanding of the major risks involved in various types of operations. Other formats to determine risk are expected in future or full versions. While the FRAT tool focuses on flight risks, the WORA (**workplace risk assessment**) tool can be used to evaluate the risk associated with an aerial work pick-up site.

Both tools feature a free functional demo version—[available here](#)—while the full version includes a selection of predefined risk assessments, crew management, and tools to develop company-specific risk analyses. HAI members can access the full version on the NGFT website. NGFT subscribers can access both through their apps or subscription page.

“We want this tool and the assessment to become part of the daily routine for crews and aerial work operators. If everyone has the same understanding of the risks of a mission, each crew can better support the team effort,” says Christian Müller, CEO of NGFT Solutions.

“We are pleased to bring this new set of tools to our members and to the industry,” says James Viola, President and CEO of HAI. “FRATs are one of the easiest methods to determine the risks connected to a flight, and we deeply appreciate the work NGFT has done to make this tool simple and effective.”

The full version of the tools continues to undergo additional development and is expected to be completely functional late in first quarter of 2022. “This is your opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the free version AND give back to NGFT and the industry by offering your feedback,” says Chris Hill, Director of Safety at HAI. “This version is more than a beta version, it’s ready to work now. The final, full version will offer more features and customization.”

Rotorcraft professionals are encouraged to go to <https://app.ngft.com> to try it out or contact safety@ngft.com to get access to the full version.

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HAI is the professional trade association for the international helicopter industry and represents more than 1,100 companies and over 16,000 industry professionals in more than 65 countries. Each year, HAI members safely operate more than 3,700 helicopters and remotely piloted aircraft approximately 2.9 million hours. HAI is dedicated to the promotion of the helicopter as a safe, effective method of commerce and to the advancement of the international helicopter community.

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