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## **REX RANKED AMONG TOP 200 COMPANIES IN ASIA PACIFIC**

Forbes Asia has ranked Regional Express (Rex) among the top 200 listed companies in Asia Pacific with revenue less than USD 1 billion in its issue of 21 September 2009. The winners were culled from 25,326 publicly listed companies and were selected based on profitability, growth, moderate indebtedness and future prospects.

Rex Executive Chairman, Lim Kim Hai, said, "It is a huge honour to be placed amongst the best in the Asia Pacific especially as it comprises such huge and dynamic economies like China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, India, Singapore and Australia. There were no other airlines selected and in Australia there were only 17 other companies that made it to the list."

"Coming on top of the recent ranking by Aviation Week, based on a study by Standard and Poors, which placed Rex as the best regional airline in the world, Australia can be proud of laying claim to having a regional air service that is of the highest calibre and which is second to none in the world."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 29 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy.

<b>COMPANY</b> /industry	SALES latest 12 mo (\$mil)	NET INCOME latest 12 mo (\$mil)	MARKET VALUE (\$mil)	RETURN ON EQUITY 5-year average %
AUSTRALIA				
Ammtec / mining services	\$45	\$5	\$72	26%
ASG / IT consulting	102	9	96	17
ASX / stock exchange	428	254	4,929	36
Austal / shipbuilding	565	50	424	22
Campbell Brothers / cleaning products	639	74	1,074	21
Cochlear / hearing devices	575	106	2,725	38
Felix Resources / coal mining	399	181	2,840	14
MAC Services / temporary housing	86	19	233	24
McMillan Shakespeare / personnel services	63	17	208	28
Mermaid Marine Australia / shipping	138	17	365	13
Mitchell Communication / digital advertising	180	17	196	18
Oakton / IT consulting	193	27	215	40
Regional Express / regional airline	245	23	108	50
Servcorp / business consulting	174	32	240	22
SMS Management & Tech / business consulting	228	24	256	24
Technology One / business software	86	14	238	26
TFS / forestry plantations	62	26	188	37
Wotif.com / travel Web site	80	33	853	98

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