



Regional Express

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PEL-AIR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH AMBULANCE VICTORIA

The Regional Express (Rex) Group today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Pel-Air Aviation Pty Limited (Pel-Air), has been awarded by Ambulance Victoria a two-year contract extension for the provision of Fixed Wing Air Ambulance Services. Pel-Air Aviation was contracted to supply, fit out, maintain and operate four Beechcraft King Air B200 aircraft at its Essendon base in Victoria. The new term of the agreement will now extend to June 2023.

Pel-Air began operating the 24/7 services from 1st July 2011 and has 36 staff including pilots, engineers, apprentices, operations and support staff at its Essendon base. Just recently, the fixed-wing air ambulance aircraft fleet clocked over 40,000 flying hours.

Rex Executive Chairman Lim Kim Hai said, "Pel-Air is honoured to be granted the contract extension and looks forward to continuing supporting Ambulance Victoria in providing valuable fixed-wing aeromedical transfers to the Victorian community".

Ambulance Victoria's air fleet provides a vital link between rural communities and metropolitan health services. The fixed-wing aircraft supports Ambulance Victoria's emergency and non-emergency operations, from transporting rural and regional patients to regular medical treatments, to retrieving critically ill patients from regional hospitals to specialist care.

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 50 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 60 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline Regional Express, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight, charter and aeromedical flight operator) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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