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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX GROUP SECURES FQM AUSTRALIA NICKEL & ALLKEM CONTRACT IN WA

National Jet Express (NJE), a Rex Group member, today announced it had secured a new mining contract in Western Australia for services into Ravensthorpe on behalf of FQM Australia Nickel and Allkem.

This new contract sees NJE operating six weekly charter services between Perth and Ravensthorpe in southern WA, using 104-seat Embraer E190 jets.

“Following NJE’s recent announcement on 27 November around the acquisition of two further WA mining accounts, as well as the recent growth in NJE’s new Queensland operations, this new contract further emphasises the significant inroads NJE is making into the resources market in WA and across Australia.” Craig Martin, NJE Chief Operating Officer said.

NJE was able to successfully commence operations on Friday 15 December, less than two weeks after securing the contract.

“It is testament to all of the staff at NJE to be able to deliver this new account, to a new port in our network, in such an incredibly short space of time,” Craig said.

“It is also an outstanding demonstration of the capability and responsiveness that NJE is able to offer to the resource markets around Australia.”

The significant level of demand NJE is seeing for its services across Australia is prompting NJE to add additional aircraft and crew to support both our Dash 8-400NG and E190 operations before the end of this Financial Year.

NJE’s growth complements that of the Rex Group, which is the largest regional operator of Regular Passenger Transport services in regional and rural Australia, supplemented by a growing network of domestic services using Boeing 737-800NG aircraft. NJE’s outstanding operational reliability also mirrors that of Rex, which consistently achieves the highest level of On Time Performance and lowest level of cancellations of all airlines in Australia.

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NJE was founded in 1994 and with the introduction of an additional De Havilland Dash 8-400NG aircraft to support the new Queensland base and growth elsewhere across the network, NJE operates a fleet of nine (9) De Havilland Dash 8-400NG, in addition to its current fleet of six (6) Embraer 190 jets serving clients in the mining and resources sector across Australia.

Additionally, NJE operates four (4) British Aerospace 146s for night freight between Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney and the Gold Coast and three (3) De Havilland Dash 8-100 aircraft for FIFO operations in Papua New Guinea and between PNG and Cairns. NJE has been part of the Rex Group since 1 October 2022.

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NJE network Map



Site General Manager, Scott Whitehead (left) with NJE's Head of Charter Sales WA, Gary Hilt welcoming NJE to Ravensthorpe.