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MEDIA RELEASE

FLIGHT ZL821 DUBBO - SYDNEY

Regional Express (Rex) flight ZL821 operating from Dubbo to Sydney on 23 March 2017 experienced a cockpit indication associated with the aircraft's right engine shortly after take-off at 9:33am. In accordance with company standard operating procedures, the pilots carried out an engine shutdown, notified the emergency services and returned to Dubbo airport. The aircraft landed normally at 10:10am.

The 23 passengers have been re-accommodated onto alternative flights to Sydney.

In accordance with standard process, Rex engineers will inspect the aircraft and will provide a report to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

It is not possible to tell at this stage whether the cause is from Foreign Object ingestion or from engine failure. Whatever the ultimate cause is found to be, the Saab 340 aircraft is designed to climb, cruise and land safely on one engine which explains why the General Electric (GE) engines on the Saab 340 have clocked over 30 million hours with an impeccable safety record.

It is also clear that this matter is unrelated to the incident regarding the propeller of flight ZL768 on 17 March 2017.

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 58 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 and charter operator), **Air Link** (Dubbo-based regional airline) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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