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NATIONAL JET EXPRESS WINS FIRST MINING CONTRACT IN QUEENSLAND AND ANNOUNCES NEW BASE IN BRISBANE

The much-anticipated move by National Jet Express (NJE), a member of the Rex Group, into the Queensland market has begun with the signing of a long-term contract.

NJE today announced it had won a contract to provide services for BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA).

"We are humbled to have been selected by BMA, one of the world's most respected mining operators," said Chris Hine, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of NJE.

"Their confidence in us is an endorsement of NJE's position as a premium regional air service provider to the mining and resources industry."

"We are happy to announce that we are now officially open for Mining and Resources business in Queensland. NJE will be operating a fleet of modern Dash 8-Q400NG 'Next Generation' aircraft, offering jet-like speeds while consuming 50% less fuel and emitting lower levels of carbon."

NJE will initially procure two Dash 8-Q400NGs for Queensland. It will also establish a significant new operational base in Brisbane to support the expansion of its services.

"Many mining operators in Queensland have been reaching out to the Rex Group since its purchase of NJE in October last year, eager for Rex to replicate its hallmark standards of reliability, professionalism and safety into mining markets," Mr Hine said.

"I see so much pent-up demand in Queensland for a premium mining and resources air service provider and the Rex Group will continue procuring additional Dash 8-Q400NGs to meet this need. We are also open to introducing the Embraer E190 jets in Queensland as we already have a large fleet of these on the West Coast," Mr Hine added.

"NJE's ability to start operations on 1 July 2023, less than six weeks away, shows the speed with which the Rex Group is able to respond to the often-urgent demands of the resources sector, whilst maintaining our absolute commitment to safety and on-time performance."

The Rex Group is the biggest regional operator of Regular Passenger Transport services in regional and rural Queensland with 24 destinations. NJE will be able to leverage this expansive network to provide creative solutions to the air transport needs of the mining and resources industry located all over regional/rural Queensland."

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NJE was founded in 1994 and with the introduction of two (2) additional Dash 8-Q400NG aircraft to support the new Queensland base, NJE will operate a fleet of ten (10) Dash 8-Q400s, in addition to its current fleet of six (6) Embraer 190 jets serving clients in the mining and resources across Australia.

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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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