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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**REX GROUP MEMBER TO TAKE DELIVERY OF 9TH DE HAVILLAND DASH 8-400NG**

National Jet Express (NJE), a member of the Rex Group, will shortly take delivery of another De Havilland Dash 8-400NG ‘Next Generation’, fitted with 82 seats.

This will be the ninth Dash 8-400NG to join the NJE fleet and the second to be deployed to support and grow NJE’s long term contract with BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) after starting operations for the mining giant on 1 July, 2023.

It will enter service in October and operate additional flights to the mining community of Moranbah in the Bowen Basin, 1000 kilometres north of Brisbane.

NJE is also in the advanced stages of negotiation for two further contracts in the mining and construction industries, which are expected to see Dash 8-400NG services expand across other areas of Queensland.

“We have been delighted by the response we have received to our commencement of Dash 8-400NG services from July”, Managing Director, Chris Hine, said.

“Based on the demand we are seeing, we fully expect to further grow our Queensland based fleet in 2024.”



Members of the Rex Group



**NJE** was founded in 1994 and, with the introduction of the latest Dash 8-400NG aircraft to support the new Queensland base, NJE will operate a fleet of nine (9) Dash 8- 400s, in addition to its current fleet of six (6) Embraer E190 jets serving clients in the mining and resources across Australia. Additionally, NJE operates four (4) British Aerospace BAe 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.

**Rex** is Australia's largest independent regional and domestic airline operating a fleet of 58 Saab 340 and 8 Boeing 737-800NG aircraft to 57 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the airline Rex, the Rex Group comprises wholly owned subsidiaries Pel-Air Aviation (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator), the Australian Airline Pilot Academy with campuses in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat, and propeller maintenance organisation, Australian Aerospace Propeller Maintenance. Rex is also a 50% shareholder of National Jet Express (NJE), a premier Fly-In-Fly-Out (FIFO), charter and freight operator.

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