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MEDIA RELEASE

REX ANNOUNCES NEW CAPE YORK AIR SERVICE BETWEEN BAMAGA AND CAIRNS

Regional Express (Rex) and the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) announced today they have developed a beneficial working arrangement that will see Rex launch a new Regular Public Transport (RPT) air service (see attached schedule) between NPA airport (Bamaga) and Cairns. The new service will commence from 30 March and is subject to regulatory approval.

Cairns-based Rex Queensland State Manager, Mr. Steve Jones said, "Rex announced on 14 January this year that it was prepared to fill the void left by the collapse of Skytrans and invited interested Cape communities to express their interests. Today's announcement sees Rex providing the Northern Peninsula Area with certainty of a reliable world-class regional air service many years into the future."

"The Rex Board has moved very quickly to approve the commencement of services between Bamaga airport and Cairns due to NPARC's willingness to forge a mutually beneficial partnership with Rex to ensure the sustainability of a safe, reliable and reasonably priced air service for the region. Subsequently, Rex took delivery of an aircraft at the end of January to prepare for services commencing late March."

"The Rex Board is open to exploring similar air services with other like-minded councils in the Cape Peninsula."

Mayor Bernard Charlie of Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council stated, "We are really pleased to see a new regional service provider entering the market here in Far North Queensland. NPARC is focused on developing a long-term future for our people and building tourism and other investment in our region. Having a nationally recognised provider flying into NPA is an important step in our journey to further develop our economy and improve economic outcomes for the region. Working with Rex is something we are excited about, as they offer world class training in the airline industry and have an excellent service record."

Regional Express (Rex) is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 40 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,300 weekly flights to 52 destinations throughout New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Queensland. The Rex Group comprises Regional Express, air freight and charter operator Pel-Air Aviation and Dubbo-based regional airline Air Link, as well as the pilot academy Australian Airline Pilot Academy. From 1 January 2015, the Rex Group has had 11 Saab 340 aircraft deployed in Queensland to service regulated routes, other commercial RPT routes, charter and freight activities.

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Rex Queensland Network



Rex Cairns to Bamaga Schedule

Cairns - Bamaga

MONDAY & TUESDAY*		NORTHBOUND			MONDAY & TUESDAY*		SOUTHBOUND		
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	ABM	0700	0900	ZL5516	ABM	CNS	0930	1130	ZL5517

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY*		NORTHBOUND			WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY*		SOUTHBOUND		
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	ABM	1400	1600	ZL5538	ABM	CNS	1640	1840	ZL5539

ABM = Bamaga CNS = Cairns

* Schedules are subject to regulatory approval.