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MEDIA RELEASE

AIR LINK CONTINUES TO ASSESS COBAR AND MUDGEES ROUTES

The Regional Express (Rex) Group has today announced that its subsidiary, Air Link has received interim approval from Transport for NSW to operate Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services from Sydney to Cobar and Mudgee through until 21 March 2014. This comes more than a month after similar approval was awarded to QantasLink to operate interim services between Sydney and Moree.

These cities were left without RPT air services to Sydney when Brindabella Airlines was placed into receivership in mid December 2013.

Following the much delayed approval from Transport for NSW, the Rex Group has decided that it would not make any commercial sense to begin preparations for services that are authorised only until 21 March 2014. Consequently Air Link will not be operating any air services to both of these communities during the interim period.

Air Link remains in ongoing discussions with both Cobar Shire Council and Mid Western Regional Council, and Rex Management will decide on whether to apply for the NSW intrastate air transport licences for these two communities pending the outcome of these discussions.

Rex can also disclose that there have been expressions of interest from several NSW communities for its thrice-daily services to Sydney and will therefore no longer pursue the application for a route licence to Moree. Its new services to the successful city could commence in late March.

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 35 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.

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