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MEDIA RELEASE

REX REFUTES BRINDABELLA'S BASELESS ALLEGATIONS

Brindabella's commercial manager James Blake's comment in the *Central Western Daily* article 'Cloud hangs over airline's future' of 3 December that Rex raised its fares on the Orange route since the cessation of Brindabella's services is unsubstantiated, irresponsible and defamatory. Rex has not raised its fares since 1 July 2012, well before Brindabella entered the Sydney to Orange route in February 2013.

According to the latest quarterly passenger statistics released by Transport for NSW, Brindabella achieved an average of about 2 passengers per Orange flight based on its published schedule. In addition, Brindabella also cancelled a significant percentage of flights. Also, several of its aircraft were non-operational due to maintenance issues, and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) has continued to order the grounding of 2 of its aircraft. Under these circumstances one could understand the desperate attempt to draw attention elsewhere.

However Rex as a publicly listed company could not allow such spurious allegations made by irresponsible operators to remain unchallenged.

Rex has a long and successful track record of servicing Orange and the bush in general and will continue to provide its safe, extremely reliable and heartfelt services at fair prices with or without competitors like Brindabella.

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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