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MEDIA RELEASE

REX ANNOUNCES ARMIDALE SYDNEY SERVICES

Regional Express (Rex), in partnership with Armidale Dumaresq Council, has today announced Armidale as the successful city to receive an air service to Sydney as a result of the company's recent call for expressions of interest for air services.

The services were originally intended for Moree when it was left in the lurch following the collapse of Brindabella Airlines. However, the very small size of the market (27,000 annual passengers) and the poor community support for Rex compelled the Board to open up this rare opportunity to all regional cities in NSW within a 600 km radius of Sydney.

"We thank all 6 councils who applied for their keen interest in Rex's services and we will keep all submissions in mind should future opportunities open up. The decision to award the service to Armidale followed thorough examination of the Armidale market and the results of a comprehensive passenger survey in late 2013 conducted by Armidale Dumaresq Council. Key factors in the decision included the current passenger numbers, growth potential of the route, and very importantly the local community support," said Rex's Network Strategy & Sales Manager, Mr Warrick Lodge.

"We are delighted to be bringing to Armidale a thrice daily return service with highly valuable peak morning and evening flights to and from Sydney, and look forward to working in partnership with Armidale Dumaresq Council and the broader community to ensure this service will flourish for the long term."

"Residents can now experience what it is like to be serviced by the most reliable* airline, both in terms of On-Time Performance and cancellations, in Australia with fair ticket prices and our trademark heartfelt country hospitality."

Armidale Dumaresq Council Mayor Laurie Bishop said, "We welcome Rex to Armidale and are delighted to have this additional service providing benefits to the whole Armidale region."















Rex will provide a total of 36 weekly flights between Armidale and Sydney bringing an annual 60,000 seats to the route. Services are planned to commence from Friday 28 March 2014. From today, reservations can be made on the web via www.rex.com.au, by phoning 13 17 13 or through your local travel agent. The confirmed schedule is shown in the Annex.

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.

*According to the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) annual official results for the 2013 calendar year. See Annex for a comparative table.

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(I) AIRLINE RELIABILITY INDEX

2013 On Time Departures		2013 Cancellation rates	
 86.9%	 0.6%		
 85.5%	 1.5%		
 79.6%	 1.6%		
 79.5%	 1.8%		
 78.1%	 1.9%		
 76.6%	 2.7%		
 75.0%	 3.8%		

Source: Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) annual official results for the 2013 calendar year.

(II) REX ARMIDALE/SYDNEY SCHEDULE FROM 28 MAR 2014

ARMIDALE - SYDNEY 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL953	6.35 am	7.45 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL955	10.50 am	12.00 pm	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL983	5.20 pm	6.30 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●

SYDNEY - ARMIDALE 									
FLIGHT NO.	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
ZL954	9.15 am	10.30 am	●	●	●	●	●	●	
ZL982	3.40 pm	4.55 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●
ZL984	6.55 pm	8.10 pm	●	●	●	●	●		●