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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX AND BROKEN HILL CITY COUNCIL TO RENEW PARTNERSHIP

Regional Express (Rex) and Broken Hill City Council have today announced the intention to enter into a new five year partnership agreement.

The proposed agreement will provide Rex and Broken Hill City Council with increased certainty in regards to airport costs and the provision of regional air services for the term of the agreement.

Under the proposed agreement Rex will maintain the existing Broken Hill air service capacity that was implemented under the terms of the previous agreement. This includes the current service to Melbourne via Mildura and services to Adelaide, Dubbo and Sydney. In addition, Rex has committed to introducing direct flights to Sydney with an early morning departure from Broken Hill and an evening return from Sydney during the first half of FY 2015.

Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales Warrick Lodge welcomed the renewal of the partnership.

“Rex is very encouraged by the collaborative approach adopted by Broken Hill City Council and its management that has made this agreement possible. This agreement provides the framework for future improvement in services when the economic environment improves.”

Broken Hill City Council General Manager Therese Manns welcomed Rex’s commitment to the region.

“This outcome is significant, particularly with Rex not only maintaining services, but enhancing the existing Sydney route with the introduction of direct flights. We are fortunate to have a service that connects to three capital cities that certainly supports tourism and critical fly-in fly-out services for our health stakeholders and community. It is a positive outcome for our city,” Ms Manns said.

“I would like to thank the Rex Board as this new partnership signifies the commitment of both parties to build a strong relationship for the benefit of the Far West region.”

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 36 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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