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## **Rex Q3 profit up 7.3%, reaffirms profit guidance**

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Regional Express Holdings Limited (REX) reported a 7.3% boost to \$4.4 million in net profit for the three months ended 31 March 2008. The company reaffirmed its full year profit guidance on the back of the result.

For the nine months to March 31, 2008, Rex posted a net profit of \$16.1 million, down from \$16.8 million in the previous corresponding nine-month period.

Executive chairman Lim Kim Hai said that regional aviation in Australia had recently been affected by high oil prices, a severe shortage of pilots and financial market conditions.

The regional carrier said its fuel costs lifted 30.9% in the quarter to \$8.9 million.

“Given the extremely difficult environment of the third quarter, I must say that we performed beyond our own expectations,” he said.

Mr Lim also said that only one month left of the year, he was confident the company would meet its earlier profit forecast, which called for net earnings to match that of the previous year’s.

He confirmed that bookings for the last quarter were strong, translating into high load factors, and allowing the company to meet its financial goals.

He also said the company was in a sound financial position

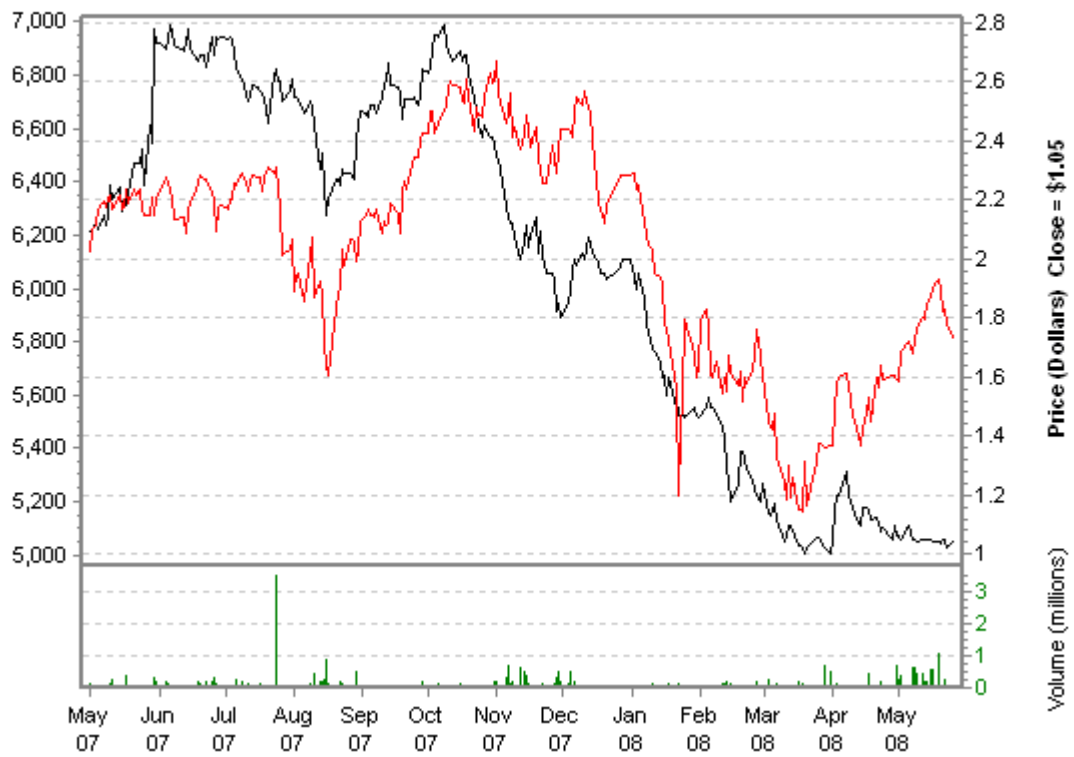
“Rex remains debt free which sets us apart from nearly every other airline in the world,” said Mr Lim.

Rex also announced that Jim Davis was appointed as the managing director of the company with immediate effect, after the retirement of Geoff Breust in December 2008.

At 1133 AEST, shares in **Regional Express** were up 7c to [\\$1.12](#).

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