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ASX RELEASE

Australian Government to provide up to \$80 million during proposed extension of voluntary administration and general update

Reference is made to the appointment of Adam Nikitins, Samuel Freeman and Justin Walsh of Ernst & Young as joint and several Voluntary Administrators (**Administrators**) of Regional Express Holdings Limited (Administrators Appointed) (ACN 099 547 270) (**Rex**), Air Partners Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (ACN 065 221 356), Regional Express Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (ACN 101 325 642), Rex Airlines Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (ACN 642 400 048) (**Rex Airlines**) and Rex Investment Holdings Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) (ACN 101 317 677) (together, the **Rex Group**).

Australian Government assistance

Rex today announces that the Australian Government has agreed to provide financing of up to \$80 million to keep Rex's regional routes running during a proposed extension of the voluntary administration process, with the Administrators intending to apply to the Federal Court of Australia to extend the voluntary administration of the Rex Group to 30 June 2025.

The Australian Government has also agreed to grant early access to former employees of Rex Airlines, which operated the intercity jet services, to the Fair Entitlements Guarantee while it is in voluntary administration, ensuring voluntary administration does not delay the ability of these employees to access their entitlements. Furthermore, the Administrators, with funding provided by Rex's secured lender, PAG, will also pay the entitlements of former employees of the regional business who have been made redundant during the voluntary administration period.

General update

The assistance from the Australian Government announced above follows the recent announcement by Rex (see ASX announcement dated 24 October 2024) of an agreement to sell the Pel-Air ambulance business to Helicorp Pty Ltd, part of Toll Aviation, with proceeds from the sale to be used by the Rex Group to repay secured debt.

The sale of the Pel-Air ambulance business is in addition to the disposal of certain other non-core assets of the Rex group including the sale of its shares in National Jet Express (to entities controlled by the other existing shareholders of National Jet Express) and the sale of a B737-800W/B737-700 flight simulator together with a property at Robey Street, Mascot, NSW. All disposals are subject to customary conditions precedent which are in progress with an expected completion date in December 2024.

This announcement is authorised to be provided to the ASX by the Administrators.

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