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## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX TO COMMENCE SERVICES TO THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Regional Express (Rex), in partnership with Snowy Mountains Airport Corporation Pty Ltd (SMAC), has today announced that it will commence Regular Public Transport (RPT) services between Sydney and the Snowy Mountains (Cooma) in March 2016.

Services will commence from Wednesday 23 March 2016 for the Easter period, with the core schedule of five return services per week commencing from Monday 28 March 2016. Additional services on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays will operate through the ski season.

The Snowy Mountains region has been without RPT air services since mid December 2013 when the prior operator Brindabella Airlines was placed into receivership.

Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales, Mr Warrick Lodge said, "Rex is thrilled to re-establish RPT services to the Snowy Mountains in partnership with Snowy Mountains Airport Corporation. We look forward to collaborating with SMAC to offer a quality service for the residents of the Snowy Mountains and for the many visitors to the region during both the winter and summer seasons. The air service is a vital link for the region, and will bring significant socio-economic benefits to the Snowy Mountains."

"We have worked closely with SMAC to design the schedule and determine the seasonal timings of the service and will work with them and local tourism operators and organisations to promote the services."

This is not the first time that Rex has operated RPT services to the Snowy Mountains. Rex operated services to the region for three years until the severe worldwide pilot shortage of 2007/08 forced Rex to suspend a number of services across its network. The Regional Express Group formed the Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA), its pilot training facility based in Wagga Wagga, to combat this issue.

Chairman of Snowy Mountains Airport Corporation, Kevin Blyton is delighted that Snowy Mountains Airport will again welcome Rex to the region.

"Rex delivered a very reliable and safe service in the past and the resumption of regular year round flights to and from Sydney provides an important link for the people of the Snowy Mountains."

"We look forward to working with Rex in providing the best possible air service to satisfy the needs of both the business and tourism sectors for many years to come," he added.

The services will be operated by Rex's fleet of 34-seat Saab 340 aircraft and fares start at \$149 each way (plus a booking/services surcharge).





From today, reservations can be made on the web via [www.rex.com.au](http://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 1,400 weekly flights to 54 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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## ANNEX

# Sydney - Snowy Mountains (Cooma)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY					MONDAY TO FRIDAY				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
SYD	OOM	0800	0905	ZL721	OOM	SYD	0935	1040	ZL722

SYD = Sydney      OOM = Snowy Mountains (Cooma)

- Schedule reflects the core base schedule effective 28 March 2016 which is subject to change.
- Weekend services and additional winter demand to be determined.