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## **Air Charter Service Extension**

- Alliance extends BHP Nickel West air charter service with new contract
- Extension of service for the next five years 2018 2023
- Service length will be a continuous 17 years at conclusion of this contract

Alliance Aviation Services Limited ("Alliance") is proud to announce an extension of the air charter services to BHP Nickel West for a further five years. This service, which has been operational since November 2006, was Alliance's initial service in Western Australia and has become the cornerstone for Alliance developing a large presence in Western Australia.

Lee Schofield, Alliance's CEO, said that, "As our first contract in Western Australia we appreciate the support that BHP Nickel West afforded us back in 2006 and we continue to provide them with services that are the best on-time performance in the industry."

"Alliance has worked with BHP Nickel West as a partner in the provision of these services accommodating changes during the resources downturn and now we are experiencing growth of up to 17 charters per week as economic conditions continue to improve. As with our other resources customers throughout Australia, we are seeing growth in the number of charters as the current demand for resources is maintained and production increases."

Mr Schofield further stated, "The Perth base commenced operations in 2006 to service our first customer, BHP Nickel West, and Alliance now undertakes in excess of 7,500 sectors per annum in Western Australia."

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## **About Alliance**

Alliance Aviation is Australasia's leading provider of contract, charter and allied aviation services currently employing in excess of 550 full time staff in Australasia and Europe.

The Company provides essential services to mining, energy, tourism and government sectors and holds IATA's IOSA certification and Flight Safety Foundation "BARS Gold" status, the first such carrier in Australia to be so recognised. In addition a wide range of specialised aviation services including wet leasing, airport management, aircraft trading, parts sales and engine leasing are provided in Australia and internationally.

In November 2018, Alliance Airlines was awarded CAPA Asia Pacific Regional Airline of the Year. This award is presented to the regional airline that has been the biggest standout strategically, has established itself as a leader, and demonstrated innovation in the regional aviation sector.

The Australian business currently operates a fleet of 20 Fokker F100, 9 Fokker 70LR jet aircraft and five Fokker 50 turboprops with additional fleet units scheduled to enter service during the remainder of 2018.

Alliance has world leading operational performance, a key attribute sought by its customers.

The Company has operational bases in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, Auckland and Bratislava.

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