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**Alliance Aviation Services Limited (ASX code: AQZ)**

**Commencement of New Zealand Operations**

Alliance Aviation Services Limited ("Alliance") is pleased to announce that it has successfully commenced its New Zealand operations.

As announced in December 2014, Alliance has a contract with Tauck Inc. for the provision of two aircraft on tourism related activities. Tauck is a prestigious US based and family owned tour operator of land tours, river cruises and small ship cruises that will celebrate its 90th anniversary in 2015. A four year contract has been executed and during that period Alliance will operate exclusive flights for Tauck in both Australia and New Zealand.

Alliance confirms that the aircraft which has recently been relocated to Auckland operated its first passenger charter service on Saturday, 17 January 2015 between Wellington, Blenheim and Te Anau in New Zealand.

The aircraft in Australia has been operating between Melbourne, Ayers Rock, Cairns and Sydney since October 2014.

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## **About Alliance Aviation**

*Alliance Aviation is Australia's leading provider of fly-in, fly-out ("FIFO") transportation. Alliance provides an essential service to the mining and energy industry – the safe and efficient air transportation of their employees and contractors to and from remote locations.*

*The company has the Flight Safety Foundation "BARS Gold" status, the first such carrier in Australia to be so recognised.*

*The Company owns a fleet of 18 Fokker 100 and seven Fokker 70LR jet aircraft and six Fokker 50 turboprops. This fleet of aircraft provide Alliance customers with industry leading on time performance and reliability.*

*Alliance flies workers to and from some of the largest mining operations in Australia for a predominantly "blue chip" mining and energy customer base, and also provides ad hoc charter, aircraft wet lease and aviation engineering services to a range of corporate and government customers.*

*The Company has a growing national footprint with operations now based in Brisbane, Melbourne, Townsville, Cairns, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin and New Zealand.*