



MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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SKYTRANS SOARS WITH NEW \$25 MILLION CONTRACT

Skytrans today announced a new three year transport contract worth \$25 million which has been awarded by natural gas company QGC Pty Limited.

The contract will see Skytrans expand their flight operations from their headquarters in Cairns which services the Cape York and Torres Strait, to also include a base in Brisbane. Skytrans will provide 18 return flights per week for QGC staff and contractors from Brisbane to sites in Chinchilla and Taroom. The flights will commence from Monday 26th October 2015.

Michael Thinee, CEO of Skytrans said "We are proud to be awarded this contract and the new employment opportunities it will provide Queenslanders. We have been able to re-employ 18 Skytrans staff back into full time employment as pilots and cabin crew. We are also pleased to welcome new staff who have direct logistics experience managing flight operations for QGC customers. We have grown our workforce by 100% in just five months, with 78 staff being employed in Cairns and now Brisbane".

QGC Managing Director Tony Nunan said Skytrans had been awarded the contract after a competitive tender process which emphasised safety and local business development.

"We're delighted that this contract will help a Queensland company to expand," Mr Nunan said.

"The Skytrans contract maintains high quality and consistent flight services to support our operations and projects."

The Skytrans fleet has increased to a value of \$20 million with the addition of two new Dash-8 Aircraft to service the QGC contract. The 36-seater Dash-8 is the aircraft of choice for Skytrans because of its safety record, passenger comfort, air-conditioning and incredible cargo capacity.

Community Ambassador and shareholder Johnathan Thurston said "QGC and Skytrans have similar synergies in relation to being a good community member and we look forward to expanding our community portfolio to now include Chinchilla and Taroom. In the five months since we have been operational, we have supported financially and in-kind, a wide range of sponsorships that have included professional and grass-roots sports programs, safety programs, cultural events and youth events."

Under the leadership of Michael Thinee, Skytrans has grown from strength to strength in just five months of being re-launched and owned by Collings Holdings Airlines. The company now provide an additional 8 flights per week, totalling 56 flights per week to nine townships throughout the Cape and Torres Strait. Their maintenance centre has just been awarded a \$5million contract to overhaul three Dash-8 Aircraft from the USA and will now also manage four Dash-8's in-house.

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About QGC

QGC Pty Limited (ACN: 089 642 553) is a leading Australian natural gas explorer and producer focused on supplying gas to domestic and international markets. QGC is establishing one of Australia's largest capital infrastructure projects to turn Queensland's world-class gas reserves into liquefied natural gas. Queensland Curtis LNG, a priority project for QGC, involves expanding exploration and development in southern and central Queensland and transporting gas through a 540km underground pipeline network to Curtis Island near Gladstone where it will be liquefied. For further information visit: www.qgc.com.au