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## Alliance Aviation Services (ASX code: AQZ)

# **Appointment of CEO & General Manager - Commercial**

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- Appointment of General Manager Commercial

Alliance Aviation Services Limited ("Alliance" & "the Company") is pleased to announce the following appointments:

### Appointment of New CEO

Alliance has appointed Lee Schofield as CEO of the company, taking over that position from Scott McMillan and responsible for day to day operation of the airline.

Mr McMillan will continue in the role of Managing Director and Executive of the Company and the change will enable him to focus on the broader development of the business.

Mr McMillan was the founding CEO of the Alliance operation since inception in 2002. As the business continues to develop he will focus less on the day-to-day operations and provide a dedicated focus towards the strategic direction of the business. In particular this will include continuing with the necessary changes that are required for all businesses in this industry to respond to change.

Mr Schofield has been with Alliance for nearly three years, most recently in the role of Chief Operating Officer, and has previously held senior roles in other aviation services companies.

Mr Schofield will retain his previous responsibilities and will be accountable for the continued safe and efficient operation of the airline.

Mr Schofield has also today been appointed a Director of Alliance Aviation Services Limited. Mr Padgett as Chairman of the Board welcomes Mr Schofield's appointment and looks forward to his contribution.

#### Appointment of General Manager – Commercial

Alliance has also recently appointed Mr Shane Edwards as General Manager-Commercial.

This role will be responsible for the development of the contract and ad-hoc charter flying of the airline and will provide for a renewed and dedicated focus on the growth of the Company's operations.

Mr Edwards is an experienced professional having worked in private and public entities across a diverse range of industry segments including mining, energy, education, major events, hotels and property. Mr Edwards has held a number of senior roles with organisations including Careers Australia, the Talbot Group and the Brisbane Broncos.

Commenting on the appointments, Mr McMillan said: "I am very pleased with the appointments of Lee and Shane and the related changes in management structure. The appointments will enhance the Company's ability to maintain and to continue to broaden its market position and revenue base"

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### **About Alliance Aviation**

Alliance Aviation is Australia's leading provider of fly-in, fly-out ("FIFO") transportation.

The Company 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 recently retained its Flight Safety Foundation "BARS Gold" status, the first such carrier in Australia to be so recognised.

The Company will now operate a fleet of 15 Fokker 100, 8 Fokker 70LR jet aircraft and 5 Fokker 50 turboprops at industry leading on time performance.

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, tourism and government customers throughout Australasia.

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