



Testing out the sim – Mr Truss with Federal Member for Riverina / Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance The Hon. Michael McCormack MP.

prepares the pilot for a raft of abnormal and emergency scenarios in a safe and controlled environment. This demonstrates the absolute commitment Rex has for safety and to ensuring the highest possible training standards.”

Following the opening of the simulator, Mr Truss presented the certificates to the graduating cadets as their proud families and friends looked on.

In his speech, Mr Truss said, “It is extremely pleasing to see 22 graduates, including three female pilots, ready to take to the skies as fully qualified regular public transport pilots.

“I commend your dedication to training and study, and particularly your choice of profession, as the aviation industry is a key driver to the Australian economy.”

Mr Truss also presented some special awards to those cadets who demonstrated outstanding performance in a range of different aspects. Rex013 student Rachel Orr displayed terrific aptitude. She received both




the Chairman’s Award for Highest Overall Assessment and the Jeppesen Award for Most Improved Performance.

Rex014 student Greg Ashelford also excelled, winning the Jeppesen Award for his class, as well as the Scholastic Award for the Highest Theoretical Performance.

The Rex013 Scholastic Award was

presented to Jack Trentin, and Blayne Kingston from Rex014 was delighted to win the Chairman’s Award.

Congratulations to all graduates on your dedication to achieve this great accomplishment, and thank you to all who made the opening and graduation a memorable and special occasion. 

Official opening of simulator and cadet graduation

APRIL 28, 2014, was a special day for Rex. The company celebrated two important occasions – the official opening of its SAAB 340 Full Motion Flight Simulator (FFS), and the graduation of the thirteenth and fourteenth classes of Rex cadet pilots from Rex’s subsidiary, the Australian Airline Pilot Academy (AAPA).

The event was held at AAPA where the simulator has been installed at a purpose-built training facility. The Hon. Warren Truss MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development officiated on the day before a crowd that comprised of government, airline, community and business leaders as well as proud parents, relatives and friends of the graduating cadets.

“Rex is an integral part of the regional aviation sector and plays a pivotal role in servicing regional areas,” Mr Truss said.

“This is the most modern pilot training facility in the Asia Pacific region, not only

because of the standard of instruction, but also the access students have to state-of-the-art equipment.”

“The simulator we are opening today will also augment training by providing a seamless transition from Cadet to Regional Express SAAB 340 First Officer all at the one facility.”

The simulator was acquired from FlightSafety International in May 2013, and it obtained certification from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) on April 16, 2014.

The new simulator centre is a further investment by Rex in pilot training. Rex has invested \$28.5 million in AAPA, making it the

most modern pilot training facility in Australia.

Commenting on the official opening, Rex General Manager Flight Operations and Chief Pilot Neville Howell said, “This is a significant milestone for the Rex Group and an achievement we are immensely proud of. With a fleet of 50 SAAB 340 aircraft in the Rex Group, the additional simulator will greatly add to the training system, bringing greater efficiencies and flexibility to crew training management.

“The SAAB 340 Full Motion Flight Simulator is the ultimate training tool. It allows for more effective instruction and

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Above from top: The simulator centre is officially opened; Rex 014 and instructors with guest of honour, Mr Truss.