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**Capital Lease Aviation PLC
("CLA" or "the Company")**

ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT

The Board of CLA, the AIM quoted aircraft leasing company, advises that it has completed the purchase of a jet aircraft from a European Airline.

SALIENT DETAILS

- CLA has paid approximately US\$6.6m for the Fokker 100 aircraft;
- The Company paid the purchase price from its existing cash reserves;
- The intentions of the Company are to lease this plane to Skywest Airlines Pty Ltd ("Skywest") in order to support a capacity increase as is required by Skywest;
- The aircraft has been inspected by the fleet management of Skywest and found to be satisfactory. With delivery having taken place, the aircraft has been entered onto the Australian aircraft register on Skywest Air Operators Certificate;
- The aircraft was purchased from a renowned German operator with an excellent technical history. The CLA technical representative who inspected the aircraft advises that this aircraft will be 'the best aircraft in the fleet in terms of overall condition, records and appearance.'

Further details of the lease arrangement will be announced as and when it is signed by Skywest.

CLA, which currently owns two Fokker F100 passenger jet aircraft - both of which are under lease to Skywest, will adopt a flexible approach to the type of aircraft it purchases moving forward. This will be driven principally by the requirements of its customers as it expands the fleet of aircraft that it owns and leases.

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About CLA

CLA was incorporated by Avation on 6 June 2007 with the purpose of owning and leasing a portfolio of commercial jet aircraft to a wider customer base of regional and international airlines.

The Directors have identified a trend in the commercial aviation sector towards “leasing-in” capacity whereby airlines lease part of their fleet rather than purchasing aircraft, and the Directors intend that CLA will exploit this trend in the future.

About Skywest

Skywest is a major regional airline in Western Australia, providing scheduled services to destinations covering Albany, Argyle, Bali, Broome, Carnarvon, Darwin, Esperance, Exmouth, Geraldton, Kalbarri, Kalgoorlie, Karatha, Kununurra, Monkey Mia, Newman, Melbourne, Perth and Port Hedland. The airline operates a weekly service linking Port Hedland and Broome to Bali in Indonesia. Skywest operates a fleet of 12 aircraft, comprising Fokker F50 and Fokker F100 jet aircraft.

Skywest Airlines Ltd has its share capital is admitted to trading on AIM (code SKYW).