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ADVENT AIR LIMITED
("Advent Air")

CHARTER FOR BHP BILLITON

The Board of Advent Air, which owns and operates Western Australian based Skywest Airlines Pty Ltd ("Skywest"), is pleased to announce that it has today agreed with BHP Billiton to operate a weekly scheduled air charter.

- The contract is for a once per week air service to provide air transport for employees of the BHP Billiton iron ore mine at Newman to and from Perth in Western Australia.
- The contract worth over AUD \$2m has a term which extends to January 29, 2009 with a further 2 year extension option; and
- Contains protections to Skywest for rise and fall in fuel prices.

Advent Air Chairman, Jeff Chatfield said:

"A scheduled charter contract with BHP Billiton vindicates our current strategy which includes targeted expansion of charter services with major resource companies. Establishing a scheduled charter for BHP Billiton is an excellent opportunity for Skywest to expand our client and revenue base in the resources sector."

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