



Skywest Airlines (Australia) Pty Ltd
ABN 76 008 997 662

Domestic Terminal
Perth Airport
Western Australia 6105

PO Box 176
Cloverdale WA 6985

Telephone 61 8 9478 9999

Facsimile 61 8 9478 9928

Bookings 1300 66 00 88

www.skywest.com.au

ASX code: SXR
AIM code: SKYW

19th November 2010

SKYWEST AIRLINES LTD

("Skywest" or "the Company")

WESTERN AUSTRALIA STATE GOVERNMENT REGULATED COASTAL NETWORK AIR-SERVICE LICENCES

Skywest is the leading airline servicing all major airports and population centres of Western Australia. The Company's operational base is in Perth, Western Australia and has a substantial airline network across the state. Skywest also services the East Coast of Australia to Melbourne and to Bali, Indonesia. A proportion of the coastal network destinations that Skywest services in Western Australia are regulated by the Western Australian State Government.

The Western Australian State Government through its Department of Transport has advised that Skywest has been selected as the preferred proponent for a further licence of 5 years for continuing air services for the regulated proportion of the coastal network. Skywest has been advised that it is the preferred proponent for the routes of Perth to Albany, Esperance in a sole operator capacity and Learmonth/Exmouth in a shared operator capacity. Final deeds will be negotiated between the Western Australian Government and Skywest.

In respect of Geraldton, Skywest will continue to fly Perth to Geraldton as a deregulated route, with onward connections to Melbourne. As a consequence of the proposed deregulation of this particular route Skywest has now been invited to enter negotiations with the Western Australian State Government concerning provision of services to the associated ports of Carnarvon, Monkey Mia and Kalbarri. Skywest understands that due to tourism and the commercial economic value to the State that the Western Australian State Government seeks a resolution for these towns promptly, preferably by the end of the month. The Company remains eager to continue with these destinations. Skywest has been providing air services to ports in this region over its 47 year history and understands the importance of the service for the local residents, business and tourists.

Commenting, Skywest Executive Chairman said, "Skywest Airlines welcomes the certainty provided by the decision of the Western Australian State Government to award a 5 year preferred proponent operator status to Albany and Esperance and shared operator status for Learmonth/Exmouth and is looking forward to conclusive positive outcomes from the negotiations concerning Carnarvon, Monkey Mia and Kalbarri."

--ENDS--

Enquiries:

Skywest Airlines Ltd

Jeff Chatfield, Executive Chairman

+61 411 478 132

Nominated Adviser

James Joyce W H Ireland Limited

0207 220 1666

Company Stockbroker

W H Ireland Limited

0207 220 1690

Financial Public Relations

Bishopsgate Communications

Laura Stevens, Natalie Quinn

skywest@bishopsgatecommunications.com

0207 562 3350

Media Enquiries in Australia

Nicole Harrison

+61 414626723

Websites

www.skywest.com.au

www.advent.com.sg

www.skywest.com.sg