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MOUNT ISA AIRPORT APPOINTS NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Mount Isa Airport has announced the appointment of Sean Golar as General Manager.

Sean brings to the organisation a wealth of aviation knowledge, with more than five years experience in the aviation and airline catering industry, including four years as Duty Manager at Gold Coast Airport, the fifth largest international airport in Australia.

Sean has recently completed a Degree in Air Transportation Management at Swinburne University and is looking forward to the challenge at Mount Isa Airport. Sean played an important role in helping to manage the day-to-day operations of the \$100 million upgrade of the Gold Coast Airport Terminal during 2009/10.

Mount Isa Airport Chief Operating Officer, Mr Kevin Gill, said he was delighted to welcome Sean to the region.

“We are delighted to appoint Sean to the role of General Manager of Mount Isa Airport. Sean has been part of the Queensland Airports Limited Group for a number of years and his on-the-ground experience in airport operations will be welcomed at Mount Isa Airport.

“Sean has the energy and passion for the aviation industry which help continue the future growth of Mount Isa Airport which in turn will help the north west region,” Mr Gill said.

Sean Golar said he is looking forward to the challenge of running Mount Isa Airport.

“I am absolutely thrilled at the appointment as General Manager at Mount Isa Airport. I am a country boy at heart and I am looking forward to moving to the region with my wife Carla and our two children,” he said.

Carla Golar will also take up a role as Regulatory Compliance Officer at the Mount Isa Airport. Carla has many years experience in the aviation industry including performing a similar role at Gold Coast Airport.

Sean will commence in his new role on Monday 4 July. Sean replaces former General Manager Jennifer Welk who announced her retirement earlier this month after 25 years with the Airport.

His will focus on continuing to grow the airport, and capitalise on the recent investment Queensland Airports Limited has made to Mount Isa Airport, including the upgrade of the runway to support the latest generation Qantas Boeing 737-800 series aircraft, and the growth of the Airnorth services connecting Mount Isa to Darwin and the Gold Coast. Sean will also be heavily involved in Mount Isa Airport’s community sponsorship programs including the Mount Isa Rodeo and the North Queensland Cowboys “Bush Children” program.

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) owns and operates Mount Isa, Gold Coast and Townsville Airports, as well as aviation support businesses Aviation Ground Handling (operating out of Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast Airports) and Worland Aviation (operating from Townsville Airport’s Northern Australian Aerospace Centre of Excellence).

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