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QUEENSLAND AIRPORTS PROUDLY PRESENTS QUEENSLAND TOURISM AWARDS

Queensland Airports Limited (QAL) is proud to again support the state's tourism industry as the official presenting partner for the 2008 Queensland Tourism Awards.

The 2008 Queensland Tourism Awards coordinated by the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) and Tourism Queensland (TQ) will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre this Friday night (14 November).

QAL Managing Director Dennis Chant said the headline partnership remained a perfect fit for the state's leading airport investment company.

"With almost six million passengers passing through our three airports last year, up 12 percent, Queensland Airports is a key driver for growing tourism to regional communities.

"We continue to invest locally particularly through infrastructure development and local staff recruitment, and are committed to growing regional Queensland," he said.

In the past year the Group has committed to a \$100 million redevelopment of the Gold Coast Airport; has commissioned the \$35 million Stage 1 of the Northern Australian Aerospace Centre of Excellence (NAACEX) project in Townsville; and commenced a 'Plan of Development' and 'Terminal Master Plan' to guide the future of Mount Isa Airport.

"This investment builds on our strong relationships with the state's tourism industry, state and regional authorities and our airline partners to demonstrate our commitment to growing the tourism pie for Queensland.

"We look forward to celebrating the tourism industry's 'night of nights' and congratulating the winners of the 29 award categories who truly demonstrate excellence in tourism," Mr Chant said.

A 100% Australian company, Queensland Airports Limited is Australia's leading regional airport investment group. QAL proudly owns and operates Gold Coast, Townsville and Mount Isa airports.

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