

Virgin Australia Holdings Limited (ASX: VAH) Announces Appointment of Geoff Smith as Chief Financial Officer

13 November 2015

Virgin Australia Holdings Limited (the Virgin Australia Group) today announced the appointment of Mr Geoff Smith as Chief Financial Officer, commencing today, 13 November 2015.

Mr Smith has been Acting Chief Financial Officer for the Virgin Australia Group since October, following the departure of Mr Sankar Narayan.

Mr Smith brings extensive experience to the role, including over 20 years in commercial finance both within Australia and internationally.

Prior to his role as acting Chief Financial Officer, Mr Smith was Executive General Manager Group Finance for the Virgin Australia Group for almost two years, sitting on the Group's Executive Committee. Mr Smith has worked in a number of senior finance and strategy roles for the Virgin Australia Group since 2010 and between 2002 and 2009. Mr Smith also served as Chief Financial Officer to mining services company Swift Group between 2009 and 2010 and spent seven years with KPMG, during which time he worked on a number of transactions for the Virgin Australia Group including the Initial Public Offering of Virgin Blue. Mr Smith holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Queensland and is a Chartered Accountant.

Virgin Australia Group CEO John Borghetti said, "We conducted an extensive external and internal search for the role of Chief Financial Officer and I'm pleased to announce Geoff's appointment to the role. Geoff's experience within the Virgin Australia Group and the aviation industry has been invaluable to date and will see him make a fantastic contribution in this role."

"Geoff will lead our Financial, Group Strategy, Investor Relations, Procurement and Fleet divisions and play a key role in the ongoing growth and success of the Virgin Australia Group", Mr Borghetti said.

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