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BOARD APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED BY AIR NEW ZEALAND

Air New Zealand is pleased to announce the appointment of Dame Therese Walsh DNZM, BCA, FCA as a director of the Company with effect from 1 May 2016.

Dame Therese brings to the Air New Zealand Board a broad range and considerable experience of management and governance skills developed in the both the private and public sectors. Her formal training and background is in accounting, and finance and current roles include directorships on ASB Bank Ltd, NZX Ltd and TVNZ Ltd. Dame Therese's public sector commitment is exemplified by her positions as a Member of the Strategic Risk & Resilience Panel of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and as an Independent Member of the Major Events Investment Panel of the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment.

Involvement in major international sporting and tourism events as Chief Operating Officer of Rugby NZ 2011 Ltd and as Head of New Zealand for Cricket World Cup 2015 Ltd have underlined her commitment to New Zealand and the tourism industry. These events required significant marketing and engagement strategies and operated in complex stakeholder environments.

Commenting on the appointment, Air New Zealand Chairman, Tony Carter said,

"The Air New Zealand Board is delighted to welcome Dame Therese as a director. Her obvious strengths and experience across private and public enterprises and exposure to major tourism events combine with a deep passion for New Zealand's success. She will be a valuable addition to our team."