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## ASX Release

### Alliance Aviation Services Limited (“Alliance”) (ASX: AQZ)

#### BHP Nickel West Operations

Yesterday Alliance was advised that BHP’s Nickel West operations would move from full production to care and maintenance by December 2024.

Currently Alliance operates 24 round trips per week for BHP Nickel West between Perth and Mt Keith and Perth and Leinster.

Alliance anticipates that the number of flights will reduce over time, to a level sufficient for the care and maintenance staff to be rotated in the normal fashion.

Alliance’s services for BHP Nickel West occupy two Fokker 100 aircraft, effectively full time, operating 3,140 hours per annum in aggregate.

During FY24 those hours represented 3% of total company flight hours and with the growth in other areas of the business forecast for FY25 hours would have fallen to 2.15% of total flying.

Alliance estimates a full year impact of approximately \$5million at the EBITDA level for FY26 and given the service reduction are anticipated to commence in October this year the impact for FY25 will be approximately \$3-4million at the EBITDA level.

However, given the nature of the company’s operation, the surplus capacity will be reallocated to existing and new customers in Western Australia and Queensland, so at this time, this situation will have a minimal net impact on the company’s earnings going forward.

In the meantime, Alliance will work with BHP Nickel West in a flexible and supportive manner as would be expected from the long-term relationship both companies have enjoyed since 2006.

Alliance will present its annual results, post market closure on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and provide a further update on BHP Nickel West developments at that time.

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This announcement has been authorised for release by Alliance Aviation Services Limited’s Managing Director.

### **About Alliance**

*Alliance is Australasia's leading provider of contract, charter and allied aviation and maintenance services currently employing more than 1,400 staff. The Company provides essential services to mining, energy, and government sectors as well as wet lease services for other airlines.*

*Alliance holds IATA's IOSA certification, the only Australian contract and charter operator to do so and Flight Safety Foundation "BARS Gold" status, the first such carrier in Australia to achieve gold status.*

*Alliance is unique in that it owns its whole fleet. Currently that fleet consists of 37 Fokker 70/100 aircraft, 44 Embraer E190 aircraft with firm purchase commitments stretching to mid-2026 for a further 19 E190 aircraft. Four of those delivered aircraft have been parted out.*

*The company dry leases three E190 aircraft to a third party, with those leases recently extended for a further five years.*

*Alliance has world leading operational performance, a key attribute sought by its customers. Alliance has operational bases in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Adelaide, Perth, Darwin, and Rockhampton.*

*Alliance is locally owned with the majority of the Company's shareholders located in Australia and New Zealand.*

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