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Samantha Sharif, CEO of Aviation NZ, appointed to the Board of ASPEQ Ltd

The Aviation New Zealand Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Samantha Sharif, the CEO of Aviation NZ, to the Board of ASPEQ Ltd with effect from 1 March 2015. Aviation NZ is a 50% Shareholder in ASPEQ Ltd. Samantha's appointment is to replace Danny Chan, who has resigned from the ASPEQ Board with effect from 1 March in order to focus on his other governance and business interests.

Graeme Martin, Chair of Aviation NZ commented:

"Samantha's appointment is both consistent with our strategic goals as Shareholder and will also add value to the ASPEQ Board through her extensive global aviation leadership experience, governance expertise and commercial legal background. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Danny Chan for his significant contributions to ASPEQ over many years and respect his decision to focus on his other governance and business interests."

Brian Roulston, Chairman of ASPEQ commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Samantha to the ASPEQ Board. Her experience and expertise will be invaluable in the next phase of ASPEQ's growth as the company adds to its international clients and operations, as well as helping to ensure a good alignment between ASPEQ and Aviation NZ, as a major shareholder, into the future."

Aviation NZ is the industry body representing the aviation sector in NZ.

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Notes for Editors:

BACKGROUND

Key Facts About ASPEQ Ltd

ASPEQ delivers high stakes assessment tools and services to regulatory agencies and awarding bodies. We have over twenty years' experience in the development and delivery of high stakes assessments globally, including New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, United Kingdom and Malaysia. We work through our network of partnersthat are responsible for the local management and delivery of specialist assessment services in their country of operation.

High stakes assessmentsare supervised computer delivered examinations and include all aspects of the process by which candidates book and sit their exams or

undertake their assessments. The process has to ensure an accurate and contestable result that will qualify candidates for the licenses and other qualifications they are seeking. Typically such assessments have a public safety or protection objective eg pilot licences in the aviation sector.

Building upon a strong aviation focus, we have grown to serve the wider transport, construction and financial services industries. The name ASPEQ is built on the component words "Assessment" and "Specialists", which explains what we do.

Key facts about Aviation New Zealand.

Aviation New Zealand exists to lead, inspire and grow the New Zealand aviation industry.

It was established in 1950 to encourage the safe growth of the aviation industry in New Zealand. In more recent years, it has also become involved in helping the international development of its members.

Aviation New Zealand has over 1000 stakeholders. Members include agricultural companies, air operators (fixed wing and rotary), aircraft designers and manufacturers, airports, aviation trainers, emergency and medical services companies, helicopter companies and parts manufacturers.

Key facts about aviation in New Zealand

An 'early adopter' in aviation terms – first international customer for Boeing; first pilot training school 1916; first airmail 1919; and quick appreciation of the suitability of aviation for agriculture, tourism and forestry.

4502 aircraft in New Zealand, one per thousand people, giving New Zealand one of the highest aircraft per capita ratios in the world.

Decades of policy innovation to support competition, safety and growth; 30m km² of safely managed airspace; and exports to over 80 countries on all continents.

Aircraft fit-outs, new aircraft (including UAVs), GPS track and tracing systems, high precision processes (for example bait and fire fighting), composites, titanium powders, and aviation industry business and operational systems are just some of the exciting technologies and practices developing in New Zealand which set the scene for growth in the next 100 years.