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### INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON THE AIR NEW ZEALAND LIMITED GROUP 2015 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AIR NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

#### **Report on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report**

We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement relating to the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report (the "inventory report") of Air New Zealand Group Limited ("Group") for the year ended 30 June 2015, comprising the inventory report and the explanatory notes set out on pages 1 to 6.

The inventory report provides information about the greenhouse gas emissions of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2015 and is based on historical information. This information is stated in accordance with the requirements of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (2004) ("GHG Protocol").

#### **Board of Directors' Responsibility**

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation of the inventory report, in accordance with the GHG Protocol. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of an inventory report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the inventory report based on the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3410: *Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* (ISAE (NZ) 3410), issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the inventory report is free from material misstatement.

A reasonable assurance engagement undertaken in accordance with ISAE (NZ) 3410 involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the quantification of emissions and related information in the inventory report. The nature, timing and extent of procedures selected depend on the assurance practitioner's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, in the inventory report. In making those risk assessments, we considered internal control relevant to the Group's preparation of the inventory report. A reasonable assurance engagement also includes:

- Assessing the suitability in the circumstances of the Group's use of the GHG Protocol, as the basis for preparing the inventory report;
- Evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies used, and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Group; and
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the inventory report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Inherent Limitations

Greenhouse gas quantification is subject to inherent uncertainty because of incomplete scientific knowledge used to determine emissions factors and the values needed to combine emissions of different gases.

#### Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with Professional and Ethical Standard 2: *Independence in Assurance Engagements*, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. In accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 3: *Quality Control*, Deloitte maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

In addition to this engagement, our firm is the appointed audit firm on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General. Other assurance assignments for the group comprise services relating to privacy advisory and taxation compliance, which are compatible with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the External Reporting Board.

In addition to this, principals and employees of our firm deal with the Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Group.

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Other than this assurance engagement, the engagements referred to above, and transactions within the ordinary course of trading activities of the Company and Group we have no relationship with or interests in the Group.

#### **Use of Report**

This report is provided solely to the Group in accordance with our letter of engagement dated 1 July 2015. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume duty, responsibility or liability to anyone other than entity name for our work, for this independent assurance report, or for the conclusions we have formed including, without limitation, liability for negligence.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the inventory report of the Group for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the GHG Protocol.

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24 August 2015 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

This audit report relates to the greenhouse gas inventory of the Air NZ Group for the year ended 30 June 2015 included on Air NZ's website. The Board is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of Air NZ's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the website. We accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the greenhouse gas inventory since they were initially presented on the website. The audit report refers only to the greenhouse gas inventory named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the greenhouse gas inventory. If readers of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communication they should refer to the published hard copy of the audited greenhouse gas inventory and related audit report dated date to confirm the information included in the audited greenhouse gas inventory presented on this website.