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Two new directors appointed to Christchurch Airport Board

Two new directors have been appointed to the board of Christchurch International Airport Ltd (CIAL). They are both Christchurch business people, company director Catherine Drayton and investor and company director George Gould.

"We're delighted to have directors of this calibre, who will bring further business experience to the board," said Chairman of the Board David Mackenzie. The new directors fill the positions left vacant by Jim Boulton, who is now CIAL's Chief Executive, and outgoing director Sue Sheldon, who resigned after eleven years on the board.

Catherine Drayton has extensive overseas experience, most recently as a senior partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, leading the Assurance & Advisory practice for Central and Eastern Europe from 2001 to 2004. Prior to this management role she was a mergers and acquisition specialist principally focused on the manufacturing sector.

Catherine has acquired several directorships since returning to Christchurch including Meridian Energy Ltd, Ngai Tahu Holdings, Industrial Research Ltd and Hockey NZ. Catherine has an LLB and B.Com from Canterbury University and is member of NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants. She has recently been appointed to the University of Canterbury Council.

"Catherine brings a great deal of board experience and a good strategic understanding to the role," said David Mackenzie.

George Gould is an investor and company director of Gould Holdings Limited and is presently either Chairman or Director of all of Gould Holdings Limited's subsidiaries. A former graduate of Law from Canterbury University and of Finance from the London School of Economics, George Gould has investment banking and management experience in many industries including cold testing vehicle and tyre testing, tourism, news media monitoring, and commercial property among others. He is also a director of Orion NZ and the Board Chairman of Cathedral Grammar School.

"George is a seasoned investor and manager who has a lifetime commitment to Christchurch," said David Mackenzie. "His commercial skills will further strengthen the business acumen of the board."

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Christchurch International Airport welcomed nearly 6 million passengers in 2008/2009, ranking as New Zealand’s second largest airport. The Airport occupies a unique position economically, as the South Island’s busiest and most strategic air connection to the world’s trade and tourism markets. In addition, the airport plays an important role as the South Island’s major domestic hub servicing all New Zealanders, enabling passengers to connect to a full spectrum of destinations throughout New Zealand. Christchurch International Airport is a major driver of the regional Canterbury economy, generating airport precinct related jobs for nearly 5000 people.

Christchurch International Airport is owned and operated by Christchurch International Airport Limited (CIAL). CIAL was established as a limited liability company in 1988, and ownership of CIAL is now shared by Christchurch City Holdings Limited with 75% and the New Zealand Government with 25%. The company’s vision is to be recognised as New Zealand’s leading tourist gateway.

Christchurch International Airport is a carbon neutral company and has received carboNZero certification from Landcare Research following a detailed measurement and analysis process. CIAL is the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to attain certified carbon neutral status and is the second carbon neutral certified airport company in the world.

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