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## **CHRISTCHURCH AIRPORT'S ANNUAL REPORT JUDGED BEST IN COUNTRY**

This year's Christchurch International Airport (CIAL) Annual Report has been named the 2011 Best Annual Report by a Corporate Organisation.

The New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants (NZICA) has announced the award and also awarded the same annual report Best Sustainability Reporting Award in its annual NZIAC Leadership Awards.

CIAL Chief Executive Jim Boulton says the two awards are a great honour and highly valued by the airport team.

"We titled the 2011 Annual Report *Above and Beyond* – and that's how far the finance and communications teams went in compiling it, on top of managing the various emergencies we have handled this year," says Mr Boulton.

"An annual report is not only a matter of financial record, it's an essential part of a communications strategy. It declares an organisation's goals and aspirations, as well as performance. It should be accessible to anyone who picks it up and we worked hard this year on making our document both informative and appealing. These awards suggest we achieved that."

The NZICA says the finalist annual reports are judged on how clearly they communicate the objectives, highlights, performance, management and personnel of the organisation. Judges consider the size, complexity and sophistication of each entry as well as the resources the organisation has available.

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### **Christchurch International Airport – New Zealand’s Tourism Gateway**

Christchurch International Airport welcomes almost 6 million passengers a year, 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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