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Temporary Office precinct in Christchurch starts construction

Christchurch International Airport has begun construction of a temporary office precinct on Orchard Road, close to the airport terminal. "We're providing this facility as a way of responding to the need of businesses for premises and services since the earthquake," said Blair Forgie, General Manager Property and Commercial at Christchurch International Airport.

The first development phase of the office precinct is an 800sqm building constructed by Apollo Projects. Due to be finished in eight weeks' time, it will be occupied by House of Travel, who will have 120 employees working from there. "CIAL has worked with House of Travel and Apollo Projects to achieve an efficient and cost-effective construction programme and deliver a purpose-built design and fit-out for the House of Travel," said Blair Forgie. "Our aim is to build fast and to a high standard, so that businesses have the premises they need without compromise."

The airport company is currently working with tenant interest for a further 3,000sqm of development. The units in the temporary office precinct will be available for up to 5 years.

"This is one of our ways of helping out with the earthquake," explained Blair Forgie. "We look forward to welcoming businesses to the airport site for the short-term."

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Christchurch International Airport – New Zealand's Tourism Gateway

Christchurch International Airport welcomed 6 million passengers in 2009/2010, 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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