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ANNOUNCEMENT HEADING:

AIF WELCOMES NEW AIR PARADISE FLIGHTS FROM MELBOURNE AND PERTH TO BALI

Australian Infrastructure Fund (AIX) today welcomed the launch of Bali's first international airline, Air Paradise International, with flights from Perth and Melbourne to Bali commencing Sunday 16 February and Tuesday 18 February 2003 respectively.

Following the introduction of the new services the number of weekly flights to Bali from airports in which AIF has invested will exceed those prior to the Bali attack in October 2002.

	As at 1 October 2002	From 16/18 February 2003
Melbourne - Denpasar	4	8
Perth - Denpasar	11	11
Darwin - Denpasar	5	4
	20	23

The new Air Paradise services will include three and four direct weekly services from Melbourne and Perth respectively to Denpasar. Air Paradise will operate A310 aircraft in a two class configuration with a 183 seat capacity.

AIF holds a 5.0% investment in Australia Pacific Airports Corporation (Melbourne and Launceston airports), 25% in Westralia Airports Corporation (Perth airport), and 25% in Northern Territory Airports (Darwin, Alice Springs & Tennant Creek airports).

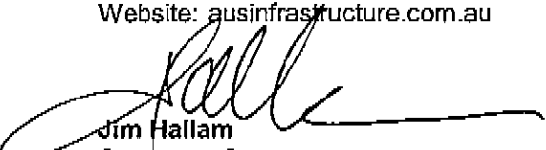
See attached announcement from Melbourne Airport.

The weighting of the AIF portfolio is 95% transport assets comprising 65% airports, 12% tollroads, 3% rail and 15% ports with the remaining non transport investment in Epic Energy representing 5%.

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MEDIA RELEASE

NEW AIRLINE WILL HELP BALI BOUNCE BACK

January 10 2003: The commencement of Bali's first international airline will provide a welcome boost for tourism as travel between Melbourne and Bali begins to pick up.

Air Paradise International will begin flying between Melbourne and Bali beginning on Tuesday 18 February 2003. The announcement comes after the new airline was forced to postpone its inaugural Australian services, planned for October 2002, following the attack in Bali.

This new service will be the only non-stop, direct Melbourne to Bali service operated by any airline. Air Paradise will operate 3 direct weekly services between Melbourne and Denpasar - **tickets go on sale to the public this Monday, 13 January 2003.**

"Passenger numbers on the Melbourne Bali route have been very strong over the Christmas travel period," said Melbourne Airport Corporate Affairs Manager Geoffrey Conaghan.

"Improved capacity between Melbourne and Bali will help the recovery of tourism on the island and will ensure that people who wish to travel to Bali can do so more easily."

"These new services will also be important for tourism in Victoria. Whilst people may assume leisure travellers on this route are almost exclusively Australian, in fact many European tourists enter Australia from Bali."

"With 3 direct services between Bali and Melbourne every week, Victoria will become a more accessible point of entry into Australia for those European tourists," said Mr Conaghan.

Facts:

- Travel:** 273,000 Australians travelled to Indonesia last financial year (2001/02).
- Flights:** Air Paradise will operate 3 direct Melbourne services per week from 18 February 2003 departing Melbourne every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- Aircraft:** Air Paradise will operate A310 aircraft – 2 class configuration with 183 seat capacity
- Tickets:** On sale from Monday 13 January 2003 - Packages start from \$739 (plus taxes and charges) return including 4 nights accommodation.

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