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The top 50

Who are the most powerful people in Australian aviation?

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Lim Kim Hai



The chairman of Regional Express, Lim Kim Hai is also a founding shareholder in the venture that consolidated Kendell and Hazelton Airlines in the aftermath of the Ansett collapse; and

kept alive and made profitable a large network of rural towns that relied on them for their air links.

Lim took his chances with REX after being a career civil servant in Singapore, a defence engineer specialising in underwater warfare, and gaining degrees in electronics engineering and public administration in Singapore and at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris.

After leaving the civil service he founded a series of businesses in various countries that include mobile telephony, on-line games, medical supplies, property development and most lately, REX.