Royal Air Maroc to Expand Its Fleet with New Boeing Airplanes

The Boeing Company today announced that Royal Air Maroc has chosen Boeing airplanes for its fleet expansion. The intention to acquire up to 20 medium-range Boeing Next-Generation 737s and two long-range 767s airplanes was announced earlier today by the airline in Casablanca, Morocco. The value of the airplanes is approximately \$1.4 billion at list prices.

The airline's board of directors stated today that after spending several months conducting in-depth analyses of the competing manufacturers' proposals, Royal Air Maroc decided to accept the Boeing proposal, based on technical, operational, and economic considerations.

The Next-Generation 737s are the newest, most advanced-design airplanes in their market segment. Dramatic revisions to the newest 737s include a brand-new wing design for improved fuel capacity and increased aerodynamic efficiency.

The 767 is one of the world's most popular jetliners and is single-handedly responsible for bringing about point-to-point service in the North Atlantic market. Both the Next-Generation 737 and the 767 families feature lowest operating costs and superior performance in their markets.

"We are thrilled that Royal Air Maroc chose Boeing over competing models," said Seddik Belyamani, executive vice president, Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group. "For the last six months, Royal Air Maroc has conducted a thorough and professional evaluation of all aspects of the competing products to ensure the best business decision for the airline."

These airplanes will join the airline's fleet that already includes 28 Boeing 737s, nine of which are Next-Generation 737 airplanes.

Both models feature the state-of-the-art 777-style flight deck. The 767 offers the award winning 777 interior, which includes a passenger cabin with contoured walls and ceilings, creating spaciousness and increased stowage capacity.

To date, Boeing has received 4,861 orders for 737s, of which 1,729 are for the Next-Generation 737 family. Cumulative orders for the 767 family are 899 to date.

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