AMC Airlines Takes 1st Boeing 737-800 through GECAS

Boeing [NYSE: BA] and AMC Airlines, a charter airline operating out of Cairo, today announced the delivery of the airline's first 737-800 with Blended Winglets. AMC's new 737-800 departed Boeing Field on Friday for a shuttle flight to its home base at Cairo International Airport.

AMC will operate four Boeing 737-800s, acquired via GECAS, as part of its initial plans for upgrade and expansion of its fleet. The airline was successfully launched in 1994 as an extension of Aircraft Maintenance Company which was established in 1988 by owner and President Elsayed Saber and his family.

"The Next-Generation 737-800 was the logical choice for us because it is the only aircraft in its class capable of performing the mission as we've defined it," said Mr. Saber. "The airplane has unmatched reliability and overall operating efficiency, allowing us the range to fly fully loaded to and from Egypt to the most northern parts of Europe and our other distant markets."

Boeing's 737 family of airplanes leads the single-aisle market as the most modern and highly efficient jetliner in its class.

"Having yet another positive assessment of the Next-Generation 737 from a well-experienced and highly qualified individual like Mr. Saber lends even greater credence to the airplane's well-deserved reputation for superior performance and its substantial benefit for operators in the Egyptian market, " said Ed Schachle, BCA's regional sales director. "We look forward to continuing to work with the airline as it executes its plans for profitability and growth."

AMC operates charter flights from Europe to Egypt's tourist destinations, as well as tailored charter flights.

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