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The Boeing Company [NYSE; BA] has delivered the first of two 737-700s to SonAir, Angola's air transportation arm of the national oil company Sonangol. The airplane is shown here taking off from Boeing Field. It departed Thursday en route to its home operating base in Luanda, Angola.

The Boeing Next-Generation 737 is unmatched by any competitive airplane in its class. The 737-700s boast 28 percent less fuel consumption per seat and 52 percent lower maintenance costs than the 737-200s they will replace in SonAir's fleet.

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