Boeing Delivers Two 737-800s to Brazil’s Varig Airlines

SEATTLE, Aug. 28, 2008 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] delivered two 737-800s to Brazil’s Varig Airlines on Tuesday. The jetliners, sporting a bright new livery, then departed from Boeing Field to Sao Paulo. Varig’s new livery features a unique starburst design that appears in three different locations on the tail as part of a variable paint scheme. The 737-800s are equipped with Blended Winglets and Boeing’s special short-field performance package designed for short runways such as Santos Dumont in Rio de Janeiro. “The Boeing Next-Generation 737 family combines low operating costs with high performance, enabling our low-cost carrier business to succeed throughout South America,” said Fernando Rockert de Magalhães, GOL/Varig's vice president – technical. GOL, one of the world’s leading low-cost carriers, purchased Varig, Brazil’s flagship airline, last year. A third Varig 737-800 (photo top) is now undergoing pre-delivery flight tests.

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