Boeing Delivers Copa Airlines' First 737 Boeing Sky Interior

Copa becomes first Latin America carrier to fly with the new cutting-edge interior

SEATTLE, March 3, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) today delivered a Next-Generation 737 with the new Boeing Sky Interior to Copa Airlines – the first Latin American carrier to take delivery of Boeing's innovative interior.

"We are proud to bring this state-of-the art technology and unmatched passenger experience to our valued customers," said Pedro Heilbron, CEO of Copa Airlines. "This new interior represents yet another example of our progressive leadership in the Americas and will enhance the world-class service for which Copa Airlines has become known."

The Boeing Sky Interior introduces new cove lighting and curving architecture that create a distinctive entry way. Passengers will enjoy a more open cabin and a soft blue sky overhead simulated by light-emitting diode (LED) lighting. The new interior also brings new, modern, sculpted sidewalls and window reveals to draw passengers' eyes to the view outside the window as well as larger stowage bins allowing passengers the ability to store their luggage closer to their seats.

The 737 Boeing Sky Interior is the latest in a series of enhancements designed to improve the Next-Generation 737 for both airlines and passengers. The next to come will be a package of performance improvements that will reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions by 2 percent – making the airplane a full 7 percent more efficient than the first Next-Generation 737s delivered. The performance improvements to the airframe and engine are in certification test, and will be phased into production between mid-2011 and early 2012.

Operating out of the "Hub of the Americas" in Panama City, Copa provides service to 52 destinations in 25 countries. Today's delivery brings Copa's current 737-800 fleet to 18.

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