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- Boeing celebrates 8,888th order for the 737 family

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and MIAT Mongolian Airlines have announced an order for two Next-Generation 737-800 airplanes and one 767-300ER (extended range) airplane. The order, valued at \$245 million at list prices, marks the first time in more than two decades that MIAT Mongolian Airlines will extend its route network by purchasing Boeing airplanes instead of leasing them.

The agreement was signed by Kim Pastega, vice president and general manager of the 767 Program, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, and Orkhon Tseyen-Oidov, president and CEO of MIAT Mongolian Airlines, at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., in the presence of Tsakhia Elbegdorj, President of Mongolia, and Gary Locke, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

"We are making a tremendous step forward with this order, and the Next-Generation 737-800 and 767-300ER airplanes are the ideal airplanes for us to expand our existing fleet to offer more scheduled and charter services from Mongolia to major cities in Asia and Europe," said Tseyen-Oidov. "The Next-Generation 737-800 has already proved to be a great success with us through its advanced technology and high operating efficiency, and we look forward to realizing the benefits of the 767-300ERs comfort, range and increased payload capabilities for our long-haul flights."

"MIAT Mongolia Airlines' choice of both the Next-Generation 737-800 and 767-300ER shows its confidence in the Boeing 150- to 300-seat product family, which features incredible economics and operational capability over competing jetliners," Pastega said. "We are committed to MIAT Mongolia Airlines' future success by delivering the best airplanes and providing superior service."

The latest members of the Boeing 737 family — the 737-600/-700/-800/-900ER models — continue the 737's popularity and reliability in commercial jet transport. Boeing Flight Services will provide pilot and technician training for Mongolian Airlines' Next-Generation 737 and 767 crews.

The Boeing 767 family offers clean, quiet, fuel-efficient airplanes that provide maximum market versatility in the 200- to 300-seat market. The Boeing 767 family includes three passenger models — the 767-200ER, 767-300ER and 767-400ER — and a medium widebody freighter, which is based on the 767-300ER fuselage.

Headquartered at Chingis Khaan International Airport in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar, MIAT Mongolian Airlines is the country's national flag carrier. It has been operating for more than 55 years.

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