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SEATTLE, Aug. 1, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) has reached a major milestone with Xiamen Airlines by delivering a Next-Generation 737-700. This is the 50th directly ordered Boeing airplane delivered to Xiamen Airlines and incorporates both the High-Altitude/High-Temperature Airport Operations Feature Package and the new Boeing Sky Interior.

China is one of the few regions that operates high altitude airports. With the High-Altitude/High-Temperature Airport Operations Feature Package, Xiamen Airlines will be able to optimize its 737-700 airplanes for operations in China's demanding conditions. A new engine thrust rating provides additional payload capability at high altitude airports and in hot conditions, important for operations in the Tibetan plateau. Among other features that benefit airline operations, the package also includes an extended duration oxygen system and equipment designed for the enhanced navigation requirements at high altitude airports.

"We're honored to partner with Xiamen Airlines in the introduction of a new era of airline service to its expanding fleet," said Ihssane Mounir, senior vice president of Sales for Greater China and Korea, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 737-700 with enhanced features will contribute to the development of Xiamen Airline's operations in China's tableland environmental areas."

The 737-700 also incorporates the Boeing Sky Interior, which is the latest in a series of enhancements for both airlines and passengers. It introduces new lighting and curving architecture that create a distinctive entry way. Passengers will enjoy a more open cabin feel and an environment simulated by light-emitting diode (LED) lighting. The new interior also features newly improved and expanded pivot bins which enables passengers to load more baggage and helps keep disturbances to aisle seat passengers to a minimum.

Established 27 years ago, Xiamen Airlines currently operates an all-Boeing fleet with Next-Generation 737-700s, -800s and 757-200s on more than 100 domestic and international routes. To date, Xiamen Airlines has ordered 83 airplanes from Boeing.

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