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SEATTLE, Aug. 2, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and EL AL have announced that the Israeli national carrier has finalized an order for two additional Next-Generation 737-900ERs (Extended Range), adding to EL AL's previous order in March 2011, bringing the total number to six 737-900ERs on order. The two-airplane order is valued at approximately \$179.2 million at current list prices.

"The Next-Generation 737 family already forms the backbone of EL AL's short and medium-haul operations, which will be greatly enhanced in terms of route flexibility, improved efficiency and passenger comfort with the introduction of the 737-900ER," said Todd Nelp, vice-president of European Sales for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "As one of the world's leading airlines, we are honored by the fact that EL AL continues to operate an all-Boeing fleet."

The Next-Generation 737-900ER replaces the larger, single-aisle Boeing 757, which ceased production in 2004. The 737-900ER can seat up to 215 passengers in a single-class configuration and has a range of up to 3,235 nautical miles (5,990 km).

"These additional airplanes will help us expand our fleet to meet the growing demand from our customers and to serve the growing markets in our network," said Elyezer Shkedy, Chief Executive Officer, EL AL.

EL AL's 737-900ERs will also feature the innovative Boeing Sky Interior, enabling the airline to differentiate themselves from their competitors by offering their passengers a more comfortable travel experience. The 737 Boeing Sky Interior features new modern sculpted sidewalls and window reveals, LED lighting to enhance the sense of spaciousness and larger pivoting overhead stowage bins.

EL AL operates a fleet of nearly 40 Boeing airplanes and serves more than 30 destinations worldwide.

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