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PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain, Nov. 5, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Air Europa today celebrated the Spanish carrier's 25th direct delivery of a Next-Generation 737-800. Air Europa showcased the latest addition to its fleet at a special event at its base on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

"Today is a very important day for Air Europa, since the arrival of a new aircraft is always a cause of joy. Our wager on Boeing has been unmistakable since the beginning and today I can assure that without a doubt, at Air Europa we placed a good bet depositing our trust in the American manufacturer," said Juan Jose Hidalgo, president of Globalia, the parent company of Air Europa. "Thanks to the effectiveness of Boeing aircrafts we have been able to reduce expenses, always keeping the environment in mind, resulting in an increase for 2013 not only in the number of flights, but also of customers, making us the leading Spanish airline."

The Boeing 737-800 is one of the best-selling versions of the highly successful Next-Generation 737 family, the most technologically advanced airplanes in the single-aisle market. The Next-Generation 737's market success has been confirmed by investors who consistently rank it as the most preferred single-aisle airplane due to its wide market base, superior performance efficiency and lowest operating costs in its class.

The 737-800 forms the backbone of Air Europa's short and medium-haul fleet with the Spanish carrier set to take delivery of another nine from Boeing. In 2012, the Mallorca-based operator was the first in Spain to introduce the innovative Boeing Sky Interior to its Next-Generation 737 fleet, providing its passengers with enhanced in-flight comfort. Air Europa is also the Spanish launch customer for the revolutionary 787 Dreamliner, with eight currently on order.

"Air Europa has long been at the forefront of Spanish aviation, offering its passengers an ever increasing range of destinations, while maintaining the highest levels of reliability, safety and customer service," said Todd Nelp, vice president of European Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The Next-Generation 737 has been an outstanding airplane for Air Europa and we are confident that it, along with the 787 Dreamliner, will play a significant role in the airline's continued success."

Air Europa serves more than 40 destinations across Europe and the Americas, with approximately half of its fleet made up of 737-800s. Based at Palma de Mallorca Airport, Air Europa has grown to be one of the largest airlines in Spain since its formation in the mid 1980s. Throughout its history, Air Europa has operated Classic 737s, 757s and 767s and following its latest delivery currently has a combination of 17 737-800s and 787 Dreamliners on order from Boeing.

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