Boeing, CDB Leasing Celebrate Delivery of First Next-Generation 737

Airplane to be operated by China Eastern Airlines

Chinese lessor has ordered a total of 30 Next-Generation 737s

SEATTLE, Feb. 26, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and China Development Bank Financial Leasing Co., Ltd.(CDB Leasing) today celebrated the delivery of the first Next-Generation 737 from the lessor's order book to China Eastern Airlines. It marks the first of 30 Boeing 737NG CDB Leasing has on order.

"We are delighted to take delivery of CDB Leasing's first directly purchased Boeing airplane," said Wang Xuedong, Chairman, CDB Leasing. "Our commitment to our customers is to provide them with the most efficient and reliable products and the 737 family of airplanes clearly delivers on that promise."

The Next-Generation 737-800 delivered to China Eastern Airlines features the airlines' refreshed interior and the signature elements of Boeing's innovative Sky Interior with modern sculpted sidewalls and window reveals, larger pivoting overhead stowage bins and LED lighting that enhances the sense of spaciousness.

"We are honored that CDB Leasing has selected Boeing's 737 family of airplanes to play an integral role in the long-term success of their commercial aircraft business," said Ihssane Mounir, senior vice president of Northeast Asia Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We look forward to strengthening our partnership with CDB Leasing as they continue to add new 737s into their portfolio and expand their business globally."

Based in Shenzhen, CDB Leasing operates as a subsidiary of China Development Bank. With registered capital of 9.5 billion yuan and a fleet at the end of 2015 of 191 aircraft, CDB Leasing is one of the largest and most influential financial leasing companies in China with more than 30 years of experience in the business.

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