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Carrier the first Spanish operator to order MAX

FARNBOROUGH, United Kingdom, July 13, 2016 / PRNewswire / -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Air Europa today announced an order for 20 737 MAX 8s at the 2016 Farnborough International Airshow. The order was previously attributed to an unidentified customer on Boeing's Orders & Deliveries website.

"The 737 MAX will complement Air Europa's growing fleet and is the perfect aircraft for our short-haul operations across Europe to feed our long-haul network from hubs in Madrid and Palma," said Juan José Hidalgo, president, Globalia, the parent company of Air Europa. "This aircraft will play a major role in growing our business in the years to come and we look forward to becoming an all-Boeing carrier following recent orders for the 787 Dreamliner and 737 MAX."

The 737 MAX incorporates the latest technology CFM International LEAP-1B engines, Advanced Technology winglets and other improvements to deliver the highest efficiency, reliability and passenger comfort in the single-aisle market. The 737 MAX will be 14 percent more fuel-efficient than today's most efficient Next-Generation 737s – and 20 percent better than the original Next-Generation 737s when they first entered service.

"We are honoured that Air Europa continues to place its faith in our products and services with this new order for the 737 MAX," said Monty Oliver, vice president, European Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "This airplane will be a great addition to its fleet and we could not be more pleased that one of our greatest airline partners moves towards becoming an all-Boeing carrier."

Air Europa announced an order for 14 787-9 Dreamliners in 2015, the largest ever Boeing widebody order from a Spanish carrier. Air Europa now has a combined total of 22 787-8s and 787-9s on order as it continues its transition to an all-Boeing long-haul fleet.

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