Boeing, Somon Air Announce Order for Two Next-Generation 737-900ERs

SEATTLE, March 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Dushanbe, Tajikistan-based Somon Air today announced an order for two Next-Generation 737-900ERs (Extended Range). The order is valued at $163 million at list prices.

The order represents Somon Air's first direct purchase of airplanes from Boeing.

"The Boeing Next-Generation 737 has proved to be a reliable and profitable component of our fleet," said Sherali Kabirov, board member of Somon Air. "With these additional airplanes we plan to broaden our network in the region. Boeing has been an important and valued partner to Somon Air and we consider this a very memorable event for our airline."

Somon Air is the country's first private full-service carrier. The airline currently operates two 737-800s and flies from Dushanbe to cities in Russia, Germany, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

"With this purchase of Next-Generation 737s, Somon Air will be able to provide its customers the world's most popular jetliner – featuring high reliability, fuel efficiency and low operating costs – valuable factors for successful carriers around the globe," said Marlin Dailey, vice president of Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

The 737-900ER is the newest member of the 737 family, combining aerodynamic and other design changes to provide more room for up to 215 passengers while retaining the high performance that gives the Next-Generation 737 family world-class flexibility and efficiency.

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