Boeing and ILFC Deliver First 787 Dreamliner to Aeromexico

Aeromexico to use 787 Dreamliner on key routes to North America, Europe and Asia

SEATTLE, Aug. 16, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA], International Lease Finance Corporation (ILFC) and Aeromexico celebrated the first delivery of a 787 Dreamliner for use by the Mexico City-based carrier today.

The airplane, delivered from Boeing's Everett, Wash., delivery center on Thursday, took off for Mexico City today.

"The arrival of Aeromexico's first Boeing 787 Dreamliner represents a milestone for the Mexican aviation history." Andres Conesa, chief executive officer of Aeromexico said, "Our customers will surely benefit from the world-class service that distinguishes Aeromexico, which we now bring on board the most modern aircraft ever built."

The airplane is the first of nine 787-8 airplanes that Aeromexico will operate, including five on lease from ILFC. The airline will operate a total of 19 Dreamliners, including 10 787-9 models ordered last year.

"This 787 Dreamliner delivery to Aeromexico is another milestone in our four decade-long, strategic relationship with the airline and ILFC", said ILFC Chief Executive Officer Henri Courpron. "ILFC obviously shares Aeromexico's views that the 787 will deliver significant operational benefits and customer value."

Aeromexico's 787 Dreamliners will be configured with 32 Clase Premier lie-flat seats and 211 seats in economy class.

"This is a great day for Mexico, Aeromexico, and for Boeing," said Van Rex Gallard, vice president Sales, Latin America, Africa and Caribbean for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The Dreamliner will provide Aeromexico with unrivaled operational advantages, large improvements in fuel efficiency and much lower costs. In addition, it is an airplane that provides significantly better environmental performance. For Aeromexico's passengers, the Dreamliner delivers a new standard in comfort and elegance – a new flying experience."

Aeromexico is the second customer to take delivery of an airplane leased through ILFC. "This delivery is the 702nd airplane we have delivered to ILFC for its customers," said Bill Collins, vice president, Sales, Leasing and Asset Management, for Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "It is a testimony to the partnership between Boeing and ILFC in supplying the best airplanes to airlines around the world."

The 787 Dreamliner is composed of durable composites and features numerous system, engine and aerodynamic advancements providing airlines with unmatched fuel efficiency using 20 percent less fuel than today's similarly sized airplanes. Passengers also enjoy improvements on the 787 such as an interior environment that is more comfortable and offers numerous passenger-pleasing elements including bigger windows.

To date, the 787 has accrued 930 orders from 57 customers worldwide.

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