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China Eastern Airlines Orders 6 Boeing 737-700 Blended Winglet™ Shipsets

*Shanghai-based Carrier Invests in Blended Winglet Technology
with 2 Orders in 2 Years*

China Eastern Airlines, one of the largest airline operators in China, has ordered 6 Boeing 737-700 Blended Winglet Shipsets to be installed as Buyer Furnished Equipment (BFE) between February and August 2006. This fast-growing carrier, with a market niche for 'unique hospitality' and 'affordable service,' is also in discussions to retrofit 19 existing 737-700s with Performance Enhancing Technology.

Currently, China Eastern subsidiary Wuhan Airlines and China Eastern's Shanxi branch operate 5 Blended Winglet Equipped 737-800s. Fuel savings and performance benefits of this initial batch of Performance Enhanced 737s convinced China Eastern to order additional Blended Winglets.

"Blended Winglet Technology is ideally suited to China Eastern's operations," says Aviation Partners Boeing Sales Director Craig McCallum. "Not only does our technology save the airline over 80,000 gallons of jet fuel per aircraft per year but range/payload capability is dramatically improved at many of China Eastern's locations. Departing Kunming airport (elevation 6217 feet) in China's Yunnan province, for example, Blended Winglet Technology allows the carrier to takeoff with an additional 2 tons of payload."

Blended Winglet Technology has achieved strong momentum these days and this revolutionary Aerodynamic Enhancement Technology is now touching every corner of the marketplace. Today, over 705 Blended Winglet Shipsets are in-service with orders on the books for close to 450 additional shipsets.

"As the global airline environment becomes increasingly challenging and the cost of jet fuel continues to trend upwards, it makes more and more sense to invest in Blended Winglet Technology," says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. "With well over 50% of new Next-Generation 737s delivered with Blended Winglets, our technology is now the mainstream configuration. One day soon, NG 737s without Blended Winglet Systems will be the exception in the marketplace."

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