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AeroMexico Orders 14 Additional Blended Winglet™ Shipsets for Boeing 737-700s and 737-800s

*AeroMexico Will Become Largest Operator of
Blended Winglets in Latin America*

January 31, 2006, Seattle, WA...AeroMexico, the largest airline in Mexico and one of Latin America's most widely recognized brands, has ordered 14 shipsets of Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets to be installed as Buyer Furnished Equipment (BFE) on new deliveries of Boeing 737-700s and 737-800s. This order is in addition to AeroMexico's existing fleet of 24 Blended Winglet Equipped 737-700s.

With this order, AeroMexico will receive its first shipset of 737-800 Blended Winglets as it introduces this model to its fleet. The carrier plans to use the increased capability associated with its new Blended Winglet Equipped 737-800s on routes to the United States currently being served by Boeing 757-200s, including the 1816 nm route from Mexico City to New York.

"AeroMexico was looking for an economical and capable replacement for the 757-200 and they found it with the Blended Winglet Equipped 737-800," says Aviation Partners Boeing Director of Sales and Marketing Christopher Stafford. "The performance/payload benefit of Blended Winglet Technology will allow AeroMexico to operate economically, and with full loads, out of high/hot Mexico City airport."

While fuel saving benefits of Blended Winglet Technology are very substantial, with up to 5% block fuel burn reduction at cruise, the over riding factor in this purchase decision is the ability to effectively replace DC-9s, MD80s and 757-200s. Blended Winglet benefits, over standard 737 NG aircraft, include fuel savings of approximately 120,000 gallons or fuel per aircraft per year, lowered maintenance costs by reducing engine wear and reduced noise on takeoff by lowering the engine thrust required for takeoff. As well, the high-tech image of Blended Winglets is an important marketing advantage.

"With the introduction of the B737-800 in September 2006, AeroMexico will continue to take advantage of the benefits of winglets, especially now that fuel prices are very high compared to the 2003 levels when AeroMexico made the decision to incorporate APB's technology on its new B737-700's" says Javier Alvarado AeroMexico's Deputy CEO.

Over 80% of new Boeing 737-700/800 aircraft delivered this year will be equipped with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Systems. Currently, over 900 Blended Winglet Systems are installed and in-service on Boeing aircraft with orders and options for more than 2000 additional shipsets.

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