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Low Fare Carrier WestJet Picks Blended Winglets For Its 737NG Fleet

An outstanding success story in the North American airline industry, Calgary, Alberta-based WestJet has evolved from an operator of 3 Boeing 737-200s in 1996 to a fleet of 40 Next Generation and Classic Series 737s today. With current orders and options for 94 737-700s, WestJet is preparing for the future with a major commitment from Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology. WestJet's first Blended Winglet System installation, on a Lombard Aviation Capital leased aircraft, will begin September 1st at Aero Metal Fabrication Ltd.

"WestJet will install Blended Winglets on a minimum of 7 aircraft this year and the carrier looks forward to significant block fuel savings. Over their current 737-700 network, WestJet should expect to save over 8500 gallons of fuel per month per Blended Winglet equipped aircraft," says Aviation Partners Boeing's Vice President of Sales Sheldon Best. "Over the next 5 to 10 years, Canada's premier low fare carrier will have at least 94 Next Generation 737s in-service and we look forward to Performance Enhancing all of them with our Blended Winglet Technology."

Since going public in 1999, WestJet has developed a coast-to-coast network encompassing 26 Canadian cities. Having enjoyed 25 quarters of profitability, WestJet's business remains strong despite today's challenging economic times. From February 2002 to February 2003, WestJet has increased revenue passenger miles by 48.9% and available seat miles by 56.7%.

"At a time when many airlines in North America are cutting back and posting losses, WestJet is visibly investing in the future by upgrading its fleet to Blended Winglet Technology," says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. "As the first operator of 737-700 Blended Winglets in North America, WestJet is truly a milestone customer."

Blended Winglet Technology by Aviation Partners Boeing improves the aerodynamic performance and handling characteristics of the 737 while boosting range and reducing fuel burn by up to 4%. Additional benefits of Aviation Partners Boeing's patented* technology include reduced engine maintenance requirements and more environmentally friendly advantages; reduced emissions, quieter landings and take offs, and burn less fuel.

Today, 25% of delivered 737-700s & 800s are equipped with Blended Winglet Technology.

To learn more about Blended Winglet Technology from Aviation Partners Boeing see: www.aviationpartnersboeing.com

*Patent No. 5348253

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