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Air China Orders 11 Boeing 737-700 Blended Winglet Shipsets

*China's Largest Carrier Invests in Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet™
Technology In Advance of 2008 Beijing Olympic Games*

Seattle, WA., May 04, 2005...Beijing-based Air China, the leading airline in China and the country's largest international carrier, has ordered 11 shipsets of Aviation Partners Boeing Performance Enhancing Blended Winglets. To be installed by Boeing as Buyer Furnished Equipment (BFE), the first installation will take place in August with all installations complete by July of 2006. Discussions are underway to retrofit the remainder of Air China's NG 737 fleet with patented* Blended Winglets.

"This is the first order we've directly established with any of the major carriers in China and it's a proud day for everyone at Aviation Partners Boeing," says Aviation Partners Boeing CEO Mike Marino. "Air China, as the national flag carrier of China, will provide further validation of the value of Blended Winglet Technology and this very important order has the potential to lead to other sales in the region."

Air China, and Chengdu-based subsidiary Air China Southwest, will operate the new Blended Winglet Equipped 737-700s on both international and domestic routes. Benefits to Air China of Blended Winglet Technology include substantial fuel savings, increased payload range from high altitude and hot airports and significant environmental benefits resulting from dramatic reductions in engine emissions.

"With Blended Winglet Technology, Air China will benefit from exceptional fuel savings of up to 5% — or more than 100,000 gallons of fuel saved per aircraft per year," says Aviation Partners Boeing Sales Director Craig McCallum. "At high altitude destinations, such as Dunhuang on the edge of the Gobi desert, takeoff weight payload will be increased over 1000 pounds. On longer international routes, approaching the payload/range limit of the 737-700, Blended Winglets will provide valuable additional fuel margins."

Air China's logo is a symbolic Phoenix – the King/Queen of all birds.

"It is perhaps no surprise that this innovative carrier, with its enviable record in safety, customer service and overall market success, is the first airline in the country to invest in, and benefit from, Blended Winglet Technology," says Aviation Partners Chairman Joe Clark.

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