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TAAG Angola Orders 4 Boeing 737-700 Blended Winglet™ Shipsets

**First Operator in Angola to Purchase
Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets**

TAAG Angola Airlines, based in Luanda, has ordered 4 Boeing 737-700 Blended Winglet Shipsets as Buyer Furnished Equipment (BFE). Deliveries will begin in July 2006 and complete by December 2006. TAAG Angola requested Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglets as standard configuration for all new aircraft and will soon operate a 100% Blended Winglet Equipped fleet of 737NGs on domestic and regional routes.

"TAAG Angola is the first operator in the country to order Blended Winglets and the 9th airline in Africa to commit to Performance Enhancing Blended Winglet Technology," says Aviation Partners Boeing Vice President of Sales Patrick LaMoria. "Operators large and small, worldwide, appreciate the many fuel saving and performance advantages of Blended Winglets. Many, like TAAG Angola, are requesting our technology as standard specification right up front."

Not only will TAAG Angola recover its entire investment in Blended Winglets with fuel savings but enhanced aerodynamic performance, made possible with this technology, will improve operating and payload capability from many airfields in the region including Namibe, Huambo, Menongue and Catumbela.

TAAG Angola started operations in 1938 under the name DTA (Linhas Aereas de Angola) and has developed a wide network of domestic/regional and intercontinental destinations over the years. Domestic and regional services, once operated by 737-200s, are being upgraded to state-of-the-art Next Generation Boeing 737-700s. The decision to equip all new 737s with Blended Winglets was primarily a cost saving strategy.

"Blended Winglet save up to 4% of total fuel burn on Next Generation 737s and this usually equates to annual fuel savings of between 75,000 – 125,000 gallons per year per aircraft," says Aviation Partners Boeing Director of Sales, Christopher Stafford. "While the payback period typically varies between 2 – 4 years, depending upon aircraft utilization, stage lengths and fuel costs, the dramatic fuel savings benefits of Blended Winglet Technology are with you for the life of the aircraft!"

In 2006, approximately 80% of new Boeing 737-700/800 aircraft will be delivered with Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Systems. Blended Winglets are also certified on the Boeing 737-300 and 757-200. Aviation Partners is currently seeking a launch customer to certify Blended Winglets for the 767-300ER. Nearly 800 Blended Winglet Systems are already installed and in service on Boeing aircraft with orders and options approaching 2000 additional shipsets.

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