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China Airlines to Retrofit 11 Boeing 737-800's with Blended Winglets™

*Blended Winglet Retrofits to be accomplished at
China Airlines Engineering and Maintenance Facility in Taiwan*

Seattle, WA. January 20, 2006...China Airlines – Taiwan's premium airline serving 60 cities in 23 countries – has become the first airline in Taiwan to retrofit Aviation Partners Boeing Blended Winglet Technology. The first 737-800 winglet retrofit kit will be installed in March, with the balance of the 11-shipset order to be completed by the end of this year.

"China Airlines looks forward to dramatic fuel saving and performance benefits in retrofitting its fleet of 737-800 aircraft with revolutionary Blended Winglet Technology," says Aviation Partners Boeing Vice President of Sales Patrick LaMoria. **"This is another significant endorsement of Blended Winglet Technology. We believe that other carriers in the region will soon choose to also retrofit their Boeing aircraft to take advantage of block fuel savings of up to 4.1%, improved residual value and the unmistakable high-tech image of our Visible Technology."**

All 11 Blended Winglet retrofits will be done at China Airlines Engineering and Maintenance facility in Taipei. With engineering and maintenance capabilities up to 'D check' levels, China Airlines is not only self-sufficient in most engineering and maintenance tasks, but also provides third party maintenance services to a host of international airlines.

"Upgraded with Blended Winglet Technology, China Airlines 737-800s will operate at substantially lower costs with fuel savings of approximately 80,000 gallons per year per aircraft," says Aviation Partners Boeing Sales Director Troy Brekken. **"As a result of lower thrust levels during takeoff, maintenance costs will be lowered through reduced engine wear. Noise sensitive areas can also benefit from lower airplane noise levels enabled by Blended Winglets."**

With the majority of the global 737-700/800 fleet now updated with Blended Winglets, and over 80% of new 737-700s/800s being delivered with Blended Winglets installed on the production line, Blended Winglet technology has become the accepted standard for the 737 Next Generation. Blended Winglets are also certified on the Boeing 737-300 and 757-200. Aviation Partners Boeing is currently seeking launch customers to certify Blended Winglets for the 767-300ER. Nearly 900 Blended Winglet Systems are already installed and in service on Boeing aircraft with orders and options for more than 2000 additional shipsets.

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