BOEING DELIVERS FIRST 737 MAX FOR SCAT AIRLINES

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SCAT will be the first in Central Asia to fly the new and improved 737 airplane

Kazakhstan carrier expects double-digit improvement in fuel efficiency and environmental performance

Boeing and SCAT Airlines celebrated the delivery of the Kazakhstan carrier's first 737 MAX 8 airplane, one of six that the airline will operate as it expands its fleet and service.

SCAT has long operated the fuel-efficient and reliable Boeing Next-Generation 737. With the new 737 MAX, SCAT will be able to achieve a further double-digit improvement in fuel efficiency and environmental performance. And SCAT will be the first in Central Asia to fly the MAX.

"Last year SCAT celebrated its 20th anniversary and it is very symbolic that we are entering a year of adulthood with a purchase of the newest aircraft models. We are confident that the acquisition of Boeing 737 MAX 8 jets will not only raise the level of customer service in our airline, but will also give a new momentum to the development of the aviation industry in Kazakhstan", said Vladimir Denisov, president of SCAT Airlines.

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SCAT announced an order for six 737 MAX 8s at the 2017 Dubai Airshow. The agreement, valued at $674 million at list prices, includes purchase rights for five additional 737 MAX 8s.

"Today marks another significant milestone in our long-term partnership with SCAT Airlines. We are proud to have supported their growth and we look forward to the 737 MAX taking the airline to new heights," said Marty Bentrott, Sales vice president for Middle East, Turkey, Russia, Central Asia & Africa.

The 737 MAX family is designed to offer customers exceptional performance, with lower operating costs and additional range to open up new destinations in the single-aisle market. The 737 MAX incorporates the latest CFM International LEAP-1B engines, Advanced Technology winglets, Boeing Sky Interior, large flight deck displays and other features to deliver the highest efficiency, reliability and passenger comfort in the single-aisle market.

About SCAT Airlines

Established in 1997, SCAT Airlines, based in Shymkent, is one of the leading carriers of Kazakhstan. SCAT operates an extensive network of domestic services as well as international destinations in the Commonwealth of Independent States and Central Asia. The airline has 12 Boeing airplanes in its fleet including 737, 757 and 767 models.

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