

## Media Release



### **AWAS delivers Boeing 737-700 to AIRES and expands customer base in The Americas**

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Dublin based lessor, AWAS, has delivered a Boeing 737-700 to Aerovías de Integración Regionales (AIRES) in Colombia.

With this aircraft delivery, AIRES becomes the seventh new customer in the Americas for AWAS in 2009 thus far. AIRES is expanding into 737-700 operations with a fleet of five aircraft acquired in 2009, two of which are leased from AWAS. The 737-700s will be used to augment operations in trunk markets within Colombia, in select regional routes and to service traffic to and from South Florida.

“The AWAS 737-700s feature winglets and are equipped with the weight and thrust capability which give us the operational flexibility to provide additional and value-added services to our customers. AIRES looks forward to building on this new relationship with AWAS”, said Francisco Méndez, CEO of AIRES.

Peter Ellison, Head of Sales at AWAS said “We are pleased to have been selected by AIRES as they take this important step. We look forward to working together and building on their success by providing solutions tailored to their needs from our diversified portfolio of inventory and new aircraft.”

#### **About AWAS**

Headquartered in Dublin, with offices in New York, Miami, and Singapore, AWAS is one of the largest aircraft leasing companies in the world. The company is managed by a highly experienced team of commercial aviation industry professionals serving markets in The Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia/Pacific.

AWAS owns a portfolio of more than 214 modern aircraft with a further 129 aircraft on order from Airbus and Boeing including a number of next generation aircraft. The aircraft portfolio is on lease to over 90 airline customers in 49 countries. The AWAS fleet features a full range of aircraft types and the company became one of the first lessors to order both the Boeing 787 and the Airbus A350XWB.

Through the order of up to 50 new Boeing aircraft and up to 100 Airbus aircraft in 2007, AWAS now offers new fuel-efficient and environmentally-friendly aircraft to their customers.

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