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Copa Airlines Receives Embraer 190 Flight Simulator

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PANAMA CITY, Aug 12, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Copa Airlines (NYSE: CPA) has received an Embraer 190 flight simulator, becoming the first airline in Latin America with both Embraer 190 jet and Boeing 737 Next Generation simulators for pilot training.

The Embraer 190 flight simulator was unveiled today during a ceremony at Copa Airlines' Training Center in Panama, attended by Panamanian President Martin Torrijos, members of his Cabinet and special invited guests.

"The new Embraer 190 simulator allows all our pilots to receive the best training with the most advanced technology in the industry, without having to travel to other countries," said Pedro Heilbron, CEO, Copa Airlines. "We are very proud of our leadership in Latin American aviation; once again, we are in the vanguard of training technology."

The new Embraer 190 simulator, certified by the Civil Aeronautics Authority of Panama (Autoridad Aeronautica Civil), utilizes CAE 5000 technology. The simulator incorporates electric motion and high-definition visual systems that replicate the flight experience and enable pilots to receive training in a variety of Embraer aircraft procedures and maneuvers.

"Having an Embraer 190 simulator in Panama means greater staff productivity and flexibility for the company," explained Captain Larry Ganse, Senior Vice President of Operations, Copa Airlines. "The simulator is programmed for more than 7,300 hours of use per year -- the equivalent of an average of 20 hours of use a day a day by Copa and Aero Republica pilots."

This is the second simulator at the Copa Airlines' Training Center in the City of Knowledge (Ciudad del Saber), an international complex for education, research, and innovation. The Training Center has had a Boeing 737 simulator since 2006.

In addition to the two flight simulators, Copa's Training Center has a cabin simulator for flight attendant training, as well as door and emergency exit window training devices for both types of aircraft. The Center provides training for approximately 230 new pilots and 150 new flight attendants each year, as well as recurring training for 500 pilots and 700 flight attendants annually.

Currently Copa's fleet consists of 13 Embraer 190 and 27 Boeing 737 Next Generation aircraft. Copa's fleet is one of the youngest in the Americas, with an average age of 4.1 years.

About Copa Holdings

Copa Holdings, through its Copa Airlines and Aero Republica operating subsidiaries, is a leading Latin American provider of passenger and cargo services. Copa Airlines currently offers approximately 136 daily scheduled flights to 42 destinations in 22 countries in North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. In addition, Copa Airlines provides passengers with access to flights to more than 120 other international destinations through codeshare agreements with Continental Airlines and other airlines. From the U.S., Copa offers nonstop service to Panama 20 times a week from Miami; daily from New York City, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.; and 12 times a week from Orlando. Aero Republica, the second-largest domestic carrier in Colombia, provides service to 12 cities in Colombia as well as international connectivity with Copa Airlines' Hub of the Americas through daily flights from Bogota, Cali and Medellin. For more information, visit <http://www.copaair.com> .

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