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AeroRepublica to Increase Fleet of New Embraer 190 Aircraft

The Colombian Airline Increases Its Firm Orders and Delivery Commitments to Seven Embraer 190 Aircraft

PANAMA CITY and BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug 15, 2006 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- AeroRepublica, a subsidiary of Copa Holdings, S.A. (NYSE: CPA), today announced that it has signed a lease agreement with GE Commercial Aviation Services (GECAS) for two EMB-190 aircraft. With these leased aircraft, scheduled for delivery in 2007, AeroRepublica now has firm orders and delivery commitments for seven aircraft, all of which are EMB-190s. In addition to these commitments, AeroRepublica has options and purchase rights for 20 additional EMB-190 aircraft through 2011.

AeroRepublica will be the first airline in the domestic Colombian market to operate the new and efficient 106-seat aircraft. The modern Embraer 190 incorporates advanced technological features such as "winglets," efficient and powerful GE CF34 motors and the latest Honeywell Corporation aeronautics equipment.

The Embraer 190s will be utilized to serve AeroRepublica's domestic routes more efficiently, as well as in the development of international markets. They will also play an important role in AeroRepublica's alliance with Copa Airlines in Panama, through the joint expansion of route networks that will provide passengers more destinations and frequencies.

"The 106-seat Embraer 190 will allow the company to better fit capacity to demand, improve its cost structure and at the same time provide the high level of comfort and dependability that customers require," said Roberto Junguito, President, AeroRepublica.

"The incorporation of the new Embraer 190 into AeroRepublica's fleet is one of the principal initiatives of the airline's strategic plan," stated Pedro Heilbron, CEO, Copa Holdings S.A. "This aircraft is ideal for this market in terms of capacity and efficiency, and is a truly attractive product for the Colombian traveler and for the entire region."

About Copa Holdings

Copa Holdings, through its Copa Airlines and AeroRepublica operating subsidiaries, is a leading Latin American provider of passenger and cargo service. Copa Airlines currently offers approximately 110 daily scheduled flights to 34 destinations in 20 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. AeroRepublica, 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 and Medellin.

About GECAS

GE Commercial Aviation Services (GECAS) is the commercial aircraft financing and leasing business of General Electric. GECAS has a fleet of 1,400 owned aircraft it leases to more than 225 airlines in some 70 countries, and it manages nearly 300 aircraft for others. GECAS offers a wide range of aircraft types and financing options, including operating leases and secured debt financing, and it also offers productivity solutions including spare engine leasing, spare parts financing and management and pilot training. GECAS has offices in 21 cities around the world. For more information, visit <http://www.gecas.com>.

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