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AeroRepublica Increases Fleet of New Embraer 190 Aircraft

The Colombian Airline Increases its Firm Orders and Delivery Commitments to Eight Embraer 190 Aircraft Through 2007

PANAMA CITY and BOGOTA, Colombia, Oct 18, 2006 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- AeroRepublica, a subsidiary of Copa Holdings, S.A. (NYSE: CPA), today announced that it has signed with GE Commercial Aviation Services (GECAS) a lease agreement for an EMB-190 aircraft to be delivered in the fourth quarter of 2007. This agreement increases AeroRepublica's delivery commitments to eight Embraer 190 aircraft through 2007, three of which will be leased through GECAS and five purchased directly from the manufacturer. In addition to these commitments, AeroRepublica has options and purchase rights for twenty additional EMB-190 aircraft through 2011.

AeroRepublica will be the first airline in the domestic Colombian market to operate the new and efficient Embraer 190 aircraft. The aircraft will be utilized to serve AeroRepublica's domestic routes more efficiently. 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 balance capacity and demand, improve fuel consumption and maintenance costs and, at the same time, provide the high level of comfort and dependability that customers expect," 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 transition 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 35 destinations in 21 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 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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