



Ethiopian Airlines Purchases 10 Pilot Training Jets and a Simulator

Press Release – Ethiopian Airlines

Washington, D.C. – August 9, 2010 – Ethiopian Airlines is pleased to announce that it has signed a purchase agreement with Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH of Austria for ten DA40NG pilot training aircraft and one D-SIM-40 simulator. The aircraft will be equipped with the new Austro Engine AE300 power plant.

Ethiopian Airlines CEO, Mr. Girma Wake and Diamond Aircraft Industries' CEO, Mr. Christian Dries signed the agreement on July 29, 2010. The total cost of the aircraft and simulator are valued at 3.7 million Euros at list price. The aircraft will be delivered in eight months time from the date of the agreement and the first four aircraft are scheduled to be delivered in November 2010.

According to Ethiopian Airlines, the decision to purchase the equipment was based on the airlines mission statement and core values to provide the highest training standards by investing on world class training equipment. He added, "The recent order will enable us to maintain our on-going training to the highest international level for our cadet flight crews."

Backed by industry reputation of over 60 years, Ethiopian Airlines Aviation Academy has become a powerful source of the African aviation training. The Academy is committed to developing and providing a competent workforce for Ethiopian Airlines in particular and the aviation industry for the region in general. The academy runs concurrent training and development programs covering pilots, cabin crew and technicians as well as conducts comprehensive courses in marketing and leadership management.

About Ethiopian Airlines

Ethiopian Airlines is one of the largest airlines in Africa, as winner of the 2007 African Business of the Year and Best African Airline Award for 2009 service and quality are superior when flying Ethiopian Airlines. Featuring daily service from Washington, D.C.'s Dulles International Airport, the airline offers both morning and evening departures, with the morning departure allowing seamless connections to 39 African destinations. The airline's web site provides excellent information on additional flights services and special web fares. Ethiopian Airlines provides seamless connections to 59 destinations around the globe. For more information about Ethiopian Airlines, visit <http://www.ethiopianairlines.com>.

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