



## Media Release

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**For Immediate Release**

### **AEI to Provide Air Inuit with Three B737-800SF Freighter Conversions**

**Miami, Florida – October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is pleased to announce that Canadian-based Air Inuit has ordered three (3) AEI B737-800SF freighter conversions with two of the aircraft being converted as combi aircraft. The first aircraft, (MSN 40852) is slated to begin modification in November of this year and will be redelivered in late March 2024. Touch labor and maintenance will be performed by the authorized AEI Conversion Center, KF Aerospace in Kelowna, BC, Canada. AEI is the only conversion company that can convert any line number 737-800 aircraft, including these three aircraft which are all 2012 vintage. The second and third aircraft are slated to commence modification in March 2024 and July 2024 respectively.

“We are honored that Air Inuit has selected the AEI B737-800SF freighter and combi as part of their fleet modernization plans,” stated Robert T. Convey, AEI senior vice president of sales and marketing. “We welcome Air Inuit to the AEI family of customers and look forward to a successful relationship.”

“We are pleased to partner with AEI for our freighter conversion needs for both our B738 freighter operations as well as for our soon to come innovative world’s first B738 combi aircraft,” stated Christian Busch, Air Inuit’s president and CEO.

The AEI converted B737-800SF freighter offers a main deck payload of up to 52,700 lbs. (23,904 kg) and incorporates eleven full height 88” x 125” container positions, plus an additional position for an AEP/AEH. The conversion also incorporates new floor beams aft of the wing box, a large 86” x 137” Main Cargo Door with a single vent door system.

AEI’s forward-thinking design allows for containers to be loaded into the aircraft a full 16.5” aft of the forward door jamb, ensuring ground operators have sufficient maneuvering room which

minimizes potential door and aircraft strikes. Additionally, the AEI B737-800SF includes a flexible Ancra Cargo Loading System, a rigid 9g barrier, five supernumerary seats as standard, a galley, and full lavatory.

## **About AEI**

Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is the global leader in the aircraft passenger-to-freighter conversion business and is the oldest conversion company in existence today. Since the company's founding in 1958, AEI has developed over 130 Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs) and has modified over 600 aircraft with the STCs. AEI helps its customers extend aircraft life and increase the overall value of aircraft assets by continuously focusing on dependable and flexible product offerings. AEI currently offers passenger-to-freighter conversions for the Boeing 737-800, 737-400, 737-300, MD-80 series, and CRJ200 aircraft. <https://www.aeronautical-engineers.com/>

## **About Air Inuit**

Founded by the Inuit of Nunavik in 1978, Air Inuit, a wholly owned subsidiary of Makivik Corporation, was created to provide air connections between Nunavik's 14 coastal villages and the South, to promote trade and to preserve Inuit culture. With more than 1,100 employees and a fleet of 33 aircraft, the Company is also committed to the development of this immense territory and the prosperity of its people by providing support to various community organizations, cultural events, educational and sports programs, as well as the implementation of employment access programs for Inuit people. <https://www.airinuit.com/en>

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