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Serve Air Places Order for its First AEI B737-800SF Freighter Conversion

Miami, Florida – August 7th, 2023 – Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is pleased to announce that Democratic Republic of Congo-based Serve Air has ordered its first AEI B737-800SF freighter conversion. The aircraft, (MSN 30517) has already commenced modification and will be redelivered to Serve Air in early November. All conversion related touch labor and maintenance is being performed by the authorized AEI conversion Center, Commercial Jet in Dothan, Alabama.

“While the narrowbody conversion market demand from leasing companies has slowed over the last few months, new orders for our B737-800SF freighter coming directly from operators continues to remain strong,” stated Robert T. Convey, AEI senior vice president sales and marketing. “Serve Air recently purchased an AEI B737-800SF from China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited and is currently operating the freighter.”

The company is the first operator of the B737-800SF in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Serve Air expects to increase its fleet of AEI B737-800SF freighters to a total of six aircraft in the coming years.

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 Serve Air

Serve Air was established in 1993 as a registered business entity and came in to effect as a sole ownership through Mr. Harish Jagtani in 2003. Harish Jagtani has extensive experience in freight transportation aviation. The management of Serve Air is well versed in all governmental approval procedures, having traversed them in the past to a full approval and operational status.

The foundation of the company's growth over the last 5 years is a deep understanding of economic stimuli and his ONG customer needs, and the ability to translate them into customer-desired offerings through leading edge business strategy. The company's 230 employees are guided by the vision to be "best in the manner in which we operate, best in the airline business, and best in his value system and ethics." Serve Air is also expanding its international footprint, established through turnover since 2003. The company's commercial cargo aircrafts are already being marketed in all over country.

Serve Air currently operates a mix of B727F, B737-300F and now the B737-800SF aircraft. The company expects to increase its fleet of AEI B737-800SF freighters to a total of six aircraft in the coming years. <https://serveaircargo.com/>

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