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### **CargoAir to be First European Operator of AEI B737-800SF**

**Miami, Florida – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021** – Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) announces the company has successfully redelivered CargoAir’s first B737-800SF freighter. This aircraft (MSN 30664) also represents the first AEI B737-800SF freighter conversion to be operated in Europe. AEI received EASA approval for the B737-800SF on May 7, 2021.

In November of last year, CargoAir signed up for two AEI B737-800SF freighter conversions, after cancelling an agreement for two B737-800BCFs. The second AEI B737-800SF freighter conversion for CargoAir will commence modification in June and will be performed by the authorized AEI conversion center, Commercial Jet in Miami, Florida.

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.

When combined with proven reliability, ruggedness, and low cost, the AEI Converted B737-800SF will allow CargoAir to keep their aircraft – **“In the air, generating revenue”**.

## **About AEI**

Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is a 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 510 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. [www.aeronautical-engineers.com](http://www.aeronautical-engineers.com)

## **About CargoAir**

CargoAir is a Sofia, Bulgaria-based cargo airline. The company was founded in 1997, initially operating six AN-12 aircraft and then in 2007 CargoAir switched to a Boeing 737 fleet. CargoAir currently operates a fleet of three B737-300 and eight B737-400 freighters, and now a B737-800SF with additional freighters to come. CargoAir has established long-term operations for Integrated Express and Mail operators such as DHL and UPS and has contracted its freighter fleet to support their specific network requirements. The company is also dedicated to ad hoc cargo charter flights worldwide, providing customer-oriented solutions for cargo brokers, freighter forwarders and logistics companies requiring the transportation of dangerous goods, special cargo, and oversized loads. [www.cargoair.bg](http://www.cargoair.bg).

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