

# **News Release**

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## SCAT begins LEAP-1B-powered 737 MAX operations

• Five additional 737 MAX 8 aircraft on order

SHYMKENT, Kazakhstan -10 April 2018 - SCAT Airlines became the first airline in Central Asia to operate the Boeing 737 MAX 8 airplanes powered by CFM International's LEAP-1B engines April 2 when the airline completed a one-hour, 40-minute flight from Shymkent to Astana.

SCAT has been CFM customer for more than 20 years and currently operates seven Boeing Classic and Next-Generation 737 aircraft powered by the CFM56 engine.

There are nearly 100 Boeing 737 MAX airplanes powered by LEAP-1B engines in service with 24 operators worldwide. The engine is providing these airlines with a 15 percent improvement in fuel consumption and  $CO_2$  emissions compared to the CFM56-7B engines, along with dramatic reductions in engine noise and exhaust gaseous emissions. All this technology is focused on providing better utilization, including CFM's legendary reliability out of the box; greater asset availability; enhanced time on wing margins to help keep maintenance costs low; and minimized maintenance actions, all supported by sophisticated analytics that enable CFM to provide tailored, predictive maintenance over the life of the product.

#### **About SCAT Airlines**

Established in 1997, SCAT Airlines, based in Shymkent, is one of the leading carriers of Kazakhstan. SCAT operates an extensive network of domestic services as well as international destinations in the Commonwealth of Independent States and Central Asia. The airline has 12 Boeing airplanes in its fleet including 737, 757 and 767 models.

### **About CFM International**

LEAP-1B engines are a product of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines and the world's leading supplier of commercial aircraft

engines. Through March 2018, the company has garnered orders and commitments for more than 15,000 LEAP engines, making it the fastest-selling engine in aviation history. For more information concerning CFM, visit us on the Web at <a href="https://www.cfmaeroengines.com">www.cfmaeroengines.com</a> or follow us on Twitter @CFM\_engines.

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