SpiceJet places LEAP-1B engine order; will power 42 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft

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HYDERABAD, India — Indian low cost carrier SpiceJet today announced the purchase of 42 Boeing 737 MAX aircraft powered by CFM International’s LEAP-1B engines. The engine order is valued at $1.1 billion U.S. at list price.

“We are pleased that SpiceJet has continued to place its trust in CFM,” said Gaël Meheust, vice president of Sales for CFM International. “We have built a great relationship with this airline over the years and really look forward to introducing the LEAP engine into their fleet.”

SpiceJet, a long-time CFM customer, currently operates a fleet of more than 40 CFM56-7B-powered Boeing Next-Generation 737-800 and 737-900ER aircraft.

The first full LEAP engine began ground testing in September, two days ahead of schedule, logging a total of 310 hours and more than 400 cycles during approximately five weeks of testing. This engine launched the most extensive ground and flight test certification program in the company’s history and will encompass 60 engine builds over the next three years and will accumulate approximately 40,000 cycles before entry into service.

The LEAP-1B is the sole powerplant for the Boeing 737 MAX, which has garnered orders for more than 1,800 aircraft to date.

The foundation of the LEAP engine is heavily rooted in advanced aerodynamics, environmental, and materials technology development programs. It will provide 15 percent better fuel consumption and an equivalent reduction in CO2 emissions compared to today's best CFM engine, along with dramatic reductions in engine noise and emissions. All this technology brings with it CFM's legendary reliability and low maintenance costs.

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About CFM International

CFM56 and LEAP engines are products of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between Snecma (Safran) and GE. CFM is the world's leading supplier of commercial aircraft engines, with more than 26,000 delivered to 530 operators around the globe. The company CFM officially launched the LEAP engine, which is its first all-new centerline engine in nearly 40 years, in 2008.

The LEAP engine promises to bring double-digit improvements in fuel efficiency, emissions and noise, while the legendary reliability and low cost of ownership of its predecessor, the ubiquitous maintaining CFM56 engine family. The LEAP-1A is
an engine as an option on the A320neo family; and the LEAP-1C engine is the sole Western powerplant for the COMAC C919; in addition to the LEAP-1B. For more information, visit us at www.cfmaeroengines.com or follow us on Twitter @CFM engines.

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