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## "AL BURAIMI" joins Oman Air fleet

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A new B737-800NG has joined Oman Air fleet. The aircraft was named after "Al Buraimi (An Omani renowned Governate bordering the United Arab Emirates). By the joining of this aircraft, Oman Air fleet consists now of 5 B737-800s and 3 B737-700s. "Al Buraimi" originating from Seattle, USA landed at Seeb airport on May 9, 2007.



On this occasion, Mr Ziad bin Karim Al Haremi, Chief Executive Officer of Oman Air said that this comes in sequence with our plan to prop up and upgrade the company's fleet for short and medium hauls. This also facilitate attaining all advantages of operating the Boeing 737 aircraft in terms of efficiency and cost saving thus ensuring Oman Air presence on the map of the regional aviation industry, in order to maintain the distinguished eminence accomplished by the national carrier of Sultanate of Oman. The Boeing 737 NG is the most technologically advanced airplane in its class and will certainly enable us to endow with better-quality services, and contribute in making Oman Air the best choice for valued passengers. This promoted the company to increase the number of this aircraft, which goes with the capacities of our sectors, by providing the necessary flexibility to plan convenient flights timings.

Al Haremi praised the new aircraft saying that the Next-Generation 737's is the world's most popular and reliable commercial jet transport, and lead as the most technologically advanced airplane in its class. It is regarded as the most popular and became the preference for us to materialize the anticipated goals, plans and to continue accomplishing positive outcome and growth. He further added that the Boeing 737, which is considered for short and medium hauls, depends on Boeing's essential philosophy, that is to ensure the added value to airlines with the ability to provide reliability, simplicity and reduced operating and maintenance expenses, which very well go with the status of Oman Air being a reputable regional airline. These aircraft will stimulate our future operations, and are considered as a step foreword towards the introduction of the wide body aircrafts to reach long haul destinations in the near future. Also, it will provide more convenient connections particularly that we are on the verge of summer season, where our frequencies will increase to all major destinations. We aspire to provide convenient and comfortable services to our esteemed customers.

Commenting on the occasion, Corporate Communications and Media department said, Oman Air, the national Carrier of The Sultanate of Oman was the first commercial operator in the Gulf to purchase Boeing's new version of the 737. The all-new Next-Generation 737 is the best selling airplane in commercial aviation history, and will offer us the opportunity to enhance our network schedules and

frequency. We also can offer our customers enhanced onboard comfort and even greater on-time reliability, as these airplanes feature the latest design technology. With extremely high reliability, easy maintenance and operation, the Next-Generation 737 is designed to fit easily into our regional airline operations. This new aircraft is equipped with a highly advanced technology winglets allowing the carrier to save on fuel, extend its range, carry more payload and reduce engine maintenance. Overall, the 737 is the most-produced large commercial jet airplane in aviation history, as the Boeing Company has been awarded with purchase orders for more than 6,000 aircraft. On Feb. 13, 2006, Boeing delivered the 5,000th 737 to Southwest Airlines. Guinness World Records acknowledged the 737 as the most-produced large commercial jet airplane in aviation history.

It should be noted that, Oman Air is currently operating direct international flights from Muscat to Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Bahrain, Doha, Kuwait, Cairo, Amman, Beirut, in the Middle East. Also, direct flights to destinations in India such as Mumbai, new Delhi, Kochi, Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Lucknow, and Jaipur as from June1,2007 and further to Chittagong in Bangladesh also, operating domestic flights linking Muscat with Khasab and Salalah. In addition, it operates code share flights to London, Frankfurt, Bangkok, Riyadh, Kuala Lumpur, and Jeddah.

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