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**Commercial Jet delivers first of five  
Southern Air B737-400SF Freighter Conversions**

**To be operated for DHL Express in the Americas**

DOTHAN, AL – Commercial Jet today announced the first delivery of Southern Air's converted freighter to be operated for DHL Express. This aircraft is a standard gross weight B737-400SF (MSN 29487) built in 1999 and was converted at Commercial Jet's Dothan, Alabama facility at the Dothan Regional Airport (DHN).



The completed B737-400SF passenger-to-freighter conversion seen in the state-of-the-art, purpose built wide-body Commercial Jet Dothan, Alabama paint hangar.

Commercial Jet provided all the touch labor for the passenger to freighter conversion and carried out the required heavy maintenance. The end product, Aeronautical Engineer's (AEI) B737-400SF is the only passenger to freighter conversion that offers operators ten full height 88" x 125" container positions. The additional container position increases AEI's volumetric carrying capability by 10% which places the freighter in a class of its own.

Daniel J. McHugh, Southern Air's President and Chief Executive Officer said, "AEI's collaborative approach was instrumental in converting this aircraft from passenger to full freighter capability in record time."

In fact, the conversion process requires a carefully executed plan which demands ongoing collaboration between AEI, its customer and Commercial Jet so as to ensure the highest quality and timely delivery of the freighters.

“Of course we are honored when companies like DHL and Southern Air put their trust in the product we deliver”, says David Sandri, President of Commercial Jet. He adds, “I am proud of our employees for their tireless dedication to delivering the highest quality end product, be it a modification or a heavy check.”

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### **About Commercial Jet**

For over 25 years, Commercial Jet has been serving Airbus and Boeing passenger and cargo airlines, owners, lessors and military. Located in Miami, Florida (MIA) and Dothan, Alabama (DHN), the company boasts over half-a-million square feet (forty six thousand square meters) of repair station capacity for maintenance and modification services on airframe; including avionics, passenger interiors and freighter conversions.

### **About AEI**

Formed in 1958, Aeronautical Engineers, Inc. (AEI) is the oldest conversion company in existence today. For more than 55 years AEI has provided advanced engineering solutions to aircraft owners and operators. Today the company is a global leader in passenger to freighter conversions for a wide array of aircraft, helping customers extend the life of the aircraft and increase the value of their asset. AEI has developed over 120 Supplemental Type Certificates (STCs) and 388 aircraft have been modified with AEI STCs – more than any other conversion provider.

### **About Southern Air**

With its comprehensive, reliable and responsible customer approach, Southern Air serves the world’s largest intercontinental air cargo carriers, integrators and government agencies. Southern Air is the first ACMI operator in the world to operate the fuel efficient Boeing 777 freighter and currently operates four such aircraft on an around-the-world basis for the leading global express delivery provider DHL. Southern Air and DHL recently announced the addition of five Boeing 737 aircraft to be operated by Southern Air on DHL’s US, Caribbean and Latin American air networks. Southern Air also operates 747-400F aircraft, and is a premier provider of safe, fuel efficient, intercontinental wide-body ACMI/CMI services. Southern Air and its experienced team of aviation professionals deliver high quality services to global customers, meeting and exceeding their air cargo needs.

### **About DHL Express**

DHL is the global market leader in the logistics industry and “The Logistics company for the world”. DHL commits its expertise in international express, air and ocean freight, road and rail transportation, contract logistics and international mail services to its customers. A global network composed of more than 220 countries and territories and about 285,000 employees worldwide offers customers superior service quality and local knowledge to satisfy their supply chain requirements. DHL accepts its social responsibility by supporting environmental protection, disaster management and education. DHL is part of Deutsche Post DHL. The Group generated revenue of more than 55 billion euros in 2012.