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**INDEPENDENCE AIR** discontinued operations on January 5 after failing to receive any firm offers that met financial criteria to continue; it last operated 12 A319s (leased from CIT and ILFC; both expect to place aircraft shortly) and 30 CRJ200s (being returned to creditors). It began operations as Independence Air (formerly Atlantic Coast) in June '04.

**EUROFLY**, Italy ordered three A350-800s for delivery starting 2013, and optioned three. It also plans to lease (lessor TBA) two new A330-200s with PW4000s in late 2006, which would increase its A330 fleet to five aircraft.

**BANGKOK AIRWAYS**, Thailand agreed to order six A350-800s for delivery starting in 2012; engines are TBA.

**BOEING** booked 737 orders from **TURKMENISTAN AIRLINES** (2), **DBA** (10), **WESTJET** (4), **CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES** (20), **HAINAN AIRLINES** (6), **CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES** (4), **SHANGHAI AIRLINES** (5) and **SHENZHEN AIRLINES** (5); and 787 follow-on orders from **LCAL** (8; now 14) and **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES** (2; now seven).

**AIR-INDIA** ordered 15 777-300ERs, eight 777-200LRs, 18 737-800s (for **AIR INDIA EXPRESS**) and 27 787s.

**EFATA PAPUA AIRLINES**, Indonesia leased two ex-Southeast Airlines MD-88s (49759/49766) from GECAS for January 9 startup of full-service operations between Jakarta and Papua province; components are being supported by **SAS COMPONENT** and JT8Ds are being maintained at **CHRISTCHURCH ENGINE CENTER** (Pratt & Whitney).

**AIR UNIVERSAL**, Jordan purchased four 747-200s (22670/23407/23509/23622) with CF6-50s from Lufthansa.

**MAXJET AIRWAYS**, VA sold 767-200ER (23306) with JT9Ds to KMW Leasing, NV, and leased it back.

**GOL**, Brazil leased ex-United Airlines 737-300 (24670) from Aircraft 24670 (Automatic), FL.

**KLM CITYHOPPER** purchased three ex-Pelita Air Fokker 100s (11444/11475/11477) from AerCap, Netherlands.

**ORIENT THAI AIRLINES** leased ex-Korean Air 747-300 (22489) with JT9Ds from JT-Power, CA.

**EAST INDONESIA AIRLINES** purchased ex-Pelita Air Fokker 100 (11445) from AerCap, Netherlands.

**AEROTURBINE**, FL purchased MD-81 (48032) from Midwest Airlines; Meridian Aerospace, NC arranged.

**EAGLE AVIATION**, France purchased ex-Hapagfly (TUI) A310-300 (488) with CF6-80s from **GOAL**, Germany for delivery in February 2006 following C-Check; maintenance supplier is TBD.

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**AEROVISTA**, UAE purchased four ex-Tunisair 737-200As (21973/21974/22624/22625).

**TURBINE INDUSTRIES**, CA purchased DC-9-32 (47454) from Austral Lineas Aereas, Argentina for part out.

**SIBIR** leased third ex-Hapag-Lloyd A310-300 (520) with CF6s from Cramington Services; two more are expected.

**DVP AIR TRADING**, FL purchased 737-200A (21007; leased to TAF Linhas Aereas, Brazil) from PLM Worldwide Leasing; JetWorks Leasing, CT arranged deal in alliance with Sigma Aircraft Management, NY.

**LOGISTIC AIR**, NV purchased ex-Japan Airlines 747-100SR (23150) with JT9Ds from JALUX.

**FEDEX EXPRESS** purchased 727-200F (21849) off lease from Lone Star Air Partners LLC (Banc of America), CA.

**STEWART INDUSTRIES INTL** purchased ex-ATA 727-200 (21511; built in 1979) from Apek Aviation for part out.

**CYPRUS GOVERNMENT** is considering purchasing **EUROCYPRIA** (four 737-800s and one A320; fifth 737 due in May) from Cyprus Airways in order to safeguard group's assets and slots if Cyprus Airways is forced to cease operations.

**BOEING** reported it booked 1,002 net orders (1,029 gross; includes 28 from undisclosed customers) from >72 customers in 2005 ([www.speednews.com/a/boeingQ5.pdf](http://www.speednews.com/a/boeingQ5.pdf)), surpassing previous high of 877 net orders in 1988; it had 272 net orders in 2004. It also recorded single year records for 737s (569 vs 438 in 1996) and 777s (154 vs 116 in 2000).

**AIRBUS** plans to announce its 2005 year end order and delivery figures on January 17.

**BOEING** has firm orders and commitments for 379 787s from 27 customers, and **AIRBUS** has firm orders and commitments for 172 A350s from 13 customers: [www.speednews.com/a/787a350.pdf](http://www.speednews.com/a/787a350.pdf)

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