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# THE NUMBER OF LOT'S DREAMLINERS GOES UP LOT TO COLLECT THE FIRST OF LARGER BOEING 787-9S

Warsaw, 23 March 2018 – It is the latest and largest machine in LOT's fleet to-date. The first 787-9 has just landed in Warsaw after its first flight from Boeing Everett plant in Seattle. Its seating capacity is 294. The plane will be used on the Warsaw-Chicago route in March.

The first Dreamliner was registered as **SP-LSA**. The machine will be used on the Warsaw- **Chicago route (flight no. LO3/4)**. The second and third machine are scheduled to be delivered in 2018. These will operate LOT flights to **New York City (LO26/27)**, **Toronto (LO45/46)** and occasionally to **Seoul** under the LOT's livery.

The last machine under that contract is scheduled to be delivered to LOT early next year. By then the total number of Dreamliners in LOT's fleet **will have reached 12**.

The B787-9 is nearly **63 meters long** which means that it is over 6 meters longer than each of the eight 787-8s operated by LOT. The new machine's seating capacity account for 294, i.e. **42 more** compared to its smaller variant of the 787-8 (the supply is nearly 20% up).

There are three travel classes in the new Dreamliners with **24 full flat bed seats in business class** (six more compared to the smaller variant), **21 in premium economy** with more legroom for the passengers (42 compared to 38 inches) and **249 in economy class** (36 seats more).

Compared to the B787-8, the seats in the larger Dreamliners are arranged in the same pattern: > **2-2-2** in business class > **2-3-2** in premium economy and **3-3-3** in economy.

*"LOT is the first airline in Europe whose long-haul fleet consists only of Dreamliners," says Rafał Milczarski, LOT's CEO. "They are still considered to be the most state-of-the-art aircraft in the world offering unparalleled travel experience in its class. Dreamliner is the driver of even faster growth of LOT, in that way making us even a more competitive, modern and environmentally-friendly. I am convinced that the B787-9s will open a new chapter in our history, significantly increasing the number of seats on the existing, most popular routes. Boeing 787-9 will be perfect for our flagship flights to Chicago, New York City or selected Asian destinations and will enable us to launch completely new routes as well. Investments in our fleet enable us to grow and gain the leading position on the market in the Central and Eastern Europe in real terms," adds Rafał Milczarski.*

*"ACG is delighted to deliver the first 787-9 Dreamliner for entry into service with LOT Polish Airlines, one of the premier international airlines in Europe. We appreciate the opportunity to work with Rafał Milczarski, LOT's CEO, in expanding the airline's fleet to this larger Dreamliner variant. We wish the airline continued success and look forward to further supporting LOT's fleet expansion plans," said Khanh T. Tran, CEO of ACG.*

*"We are delighted to deliver another first to our friends and partners at LOT Polish Airlines, the 787-9 Dreamliner," said Monty Oliver, vice-president of Europe Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 787-9 will complement LOT's existing fleet of 787-8 aircraft, bringing further operational efficiencies and scope to enhance their existing network. I would like to thank LOT for their continued confidence in our products and wish them every success as they continue to optimize their fleet." – adds Monty Oliver.*

Each seat is equipped with its own **power outlet, a USB port and an on-board entertainment system screen**.

Also the B787-9s have an extra toilet for passengers travelling in the premium economy class (which is unavailable in the B787-8).

The new Dreamliner will carry a higher number of passengers and freight. Dreamliner B787-9 has more cargo space (**140 vis-à-vis 115 cubic meters**).

The maximum range of the 787-9 machine (in its variant for LOT) is **over 13,350 km**, i.e. approx. 700 km more compared to Dreamliner 787-8.

The new generation Rolls-Royce's Trent TEN engines power the new Dreamliner B787-9. Based on Boeing's analyses, the new Dreamliner has lower fuel consumption per passenger which makes it a more fuel efficient and more environmentally-friendly machine.

**Composite materials**, i.e. carbon fiber reinforced plastic, make up 50% of its weight and **80% of its structure volume**. Composites are much more durable, yet lighter than aluminum, resulting in less weight, extended range and lower fuel consumption.

The composite airframe structure helps retain higher pressure in the cabin which in turn makes it easier to control temperature and air humidity. That is why the Dreamliner offers an unparalleled comfort compared to competitive aircraft of that segment available on the market.

Just like in its smaller variant, Dreamliner 787-9 has LED lighting and windows with dimming features to **reduce jet-lag**.

In 2012 LOT was the **first airline in Europe** to collect the Dreamliner family machines. Now they are LOT's flagship aircraft and the pillar of its long-haul fleet.

LOT currently has **eight Dreamliner B787-8s** which are used to operate long-distance flights: to New York City (JFK), Newark, Chicago, Los Angeles, Toronto, Seoul, Tokyo and Beijing. Starting from the end of April LOT will be using them to operate its flights from Rzeszów to Newark and from the end of May - from Warsaw to Singapore and from Budapest to New York City and Chicago.

Under the 2016-2020 strategy of profitable growth implemented by LOT, the airline's fleet will have featured **at least 16** aircraft of that type by the end of 2020.

Last year LOT's **passenger traffic totaled** over **6.8 m** which means that the figure went up by nearly 25% year-to-year. LOT forecasts that its annual traffic will have reached over **10 million passengers** by 2020.

Since the early 2016 LOT has announced the launch of **57 connections**. Today its network of connections features **95 routes**. More destinations are planned, including long-haul ones.

**11 more machines** will be added to LOT's fleet in 2018: two B787-9s, three B737 MAX 8s and six Embraer 195s.

**LOT Polish Airlines** is a modern airline that connects New Europe with the world. It provides at least 7 million passengers a year with the shortest and most comfortable travel options to almost 80 destinations worldwide via Warsaw, a competitive hub that offers fast connections. As the only carrier in the region, LOT offers direct long-haul flights to the USA, Canada, China, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. LOT is consequently increasing its frequencies and improving its service while building leadership position in East Central Europe. It flies one of the youngest fleets in Europe and, as the only airline, operates the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, the world's most advanced aircraft, on all long-haul connections. LOT relies primarily on the passion and positive energy of its team members, including top ranking pilots in the global aviation business, often champions in many aviation sports. With 88 years of experience, LOT is also one of the oldest airlines in the world and the most internationally recognized Polish brand. This recognition is proven by the numerous awards from industry organizations, media and, above all, from passengers. More information for media available at <http://corporate.lot.com/pl/en/press-room>