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French Minister of Economy & Finance Visits Ethiopian

Addis Ababa, 22 July 2019

A French delegation led by French Minister of Economy & Finance, H.E. Bruno Le Maire visited Ethiopian Airlines on July 22, 2019. Upon their arrival at Ethiopian, the delegation was welcomed by Ethiopian Group CEO Mr Tewolde GebreMariam and the Executive Management team.

A discussion was also held at Ethiopian Airlines headquarters between the delegation and Ethiopian Airlines Executive Management on the areas of partnerships and cooperation between the airline and French companies.



Commenting on the areas of the discussion, H.E. Bruno Le Maire remarked, *“The recent launch of a flight to Marseille by Ethiopian Airlines is indicative of the growing partnership between Ethiopia and France. There is a huge potential for further partnership in aviation related areas.”*



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Mr Tewolde GebreMariam on his part remarked, *“It is a special privilege and honor for us to meet with H.E. Mr. Bruno in our Headquarters and we highly appreciate his visit. We, at Ethiopian Airlines, are very happy on our partnership with the French Government and various French global companies like Airbus, Safran, Thales, ADPI (Air Port De Paris International) etc. ... We are working together to expand our partnership to the next level. Our Airbus fleet is growing very fast with twelve A-350 in service and 12 on order. We are also evaluating other airplane models from Airbus. The recent addition of the beautiful City of Marseille to our fast-growing network of 121 international destinations is also a very strong sign of a growing relationship between Ethiopia and France.”*

The discussion also covered areas of cooperation and partnership in airport expansion, duty free facilities and in-flight entertainment, among others.

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian Airlines recently expanded its service in France with the launch of flights to Marseille, its second destination in France, on July 2, 2019.

Notes to Editors:

About Ethiopian

Ethiopian Airlines is the largest Aviation Group in Africa and SKYTRAX certified Four Star Global Airline. In its seventy plus years of operation, Ethiopian has become one of the continent’s leading carriers, unrivalled in efficiency and operational success.

Ethiopian commands the lion’s share of the Pan-African passenger and cargo network operating the youngest and most modern fleet to more than 120 international passenger and cargo destinations across five continents. Ethiopian fleet includes ultra-modern and environmentally friendly aircraft such as Airbus A350, Boeing 787-8, Boeing 787-9, Boeing 777-300ER, Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing 777-200 Freighter, Bombardier Q-400 double cabin with an average fleet age of five years. In fact, Ethiopian is the first airline in Africa to own and operate these aircraft. Ethiopian is currently implementing a 15-year strategic plan called Vision 2025 that will see it become the leading aviation group in Africa with Six business centers: Ethiopian International Services; Ethiopian Cargo & Logistics Services; Ethiopian MRO Services; Ethiopian Aviation Academy; Ethiopian ADD Hub Ground Services and Ethiopian Airports Services. Ethiopian is a multi-award winning airline registering an average growth of 25% in the past seven years.

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