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Just over a month after announcing it would move its North Ryde, Sydney headquarters to Brisbane, Boeing Australia Limited has selected Australia House situated at 363 Adelaide Street in the Brisbane CBD as its new home.

To be re-named Boeing House, the building, which is to be refurbished both inside and out to reflect the Boeing requirements, will provide the company with a growing amount of space as the business expands.

Building owners, Australian Growth Properties Limited's Property General Manager, Glenn Eather, said Australia House offered a number of advantages over other buildings and sites inspected by the Boeing team over the last four weeks.

"The main advantages," he said, "are that Boeing only have to move once, rather than find temporary accommodation while a new building is constructed, or be outside the Brisbane CBD, which did not fit with their requirements," he said.

Boeing Australia Managing Director, David Gray, said: "Australia House, or Boeing House as it will be called from now on, offers us access from mid-December, with more and more space available over the next 12 months as we gradually consolidate in Brisbane.

"I anticipate that once we get ourselves settled, we will begin a recruitment campaign to fill positions left vacant by staff not wishing to transfer to Brisbane and then, over the next few years, to expand and grow our business both in the Brisbane CBD and at the RAAF Amberley Air Base," he said.

With the selection of the building completed, Boeing intends to begin the movement of staff into Brisbane as soon as possible.

Boeing Australia has been established in Australia for 60 years and has 1700 employees at facilities throughout the country. The company is the preferred tenderer for: The Australian Defence Force's new multi-million dollar High Frequency Modernisation Program (HFMOD) which will result in the establishment of a common high frequency network throughout the ADF and will also offer export potential.

and is the prime contractor for: The combat and communications systems for the Royal Australian Navy's new Collins Class submarines The maintenance and support of the Australian Defence Force's helicopter school at RAAF Fairbairn, Canberra and the DSTO engineering support services at Fisherman's Bend in Melbourne. Upgrading the avionics and electronics for the Royal Australian Air Force's F/RF-111C and a major contractor for a similar upgrade on the P-3C aircraft.

A subsidiary company, AeroSpace Technologies of Australia Limited, is a major exporter of aerospace structures to the world's leading aircraft manufacturers.

Work at the Boeing Aircraft Systems Division at Avalon Airport in Victoria, specifically the P-3 aircraft refurbishment work as well as the Jindivik pilotless drone support work will be continued at Avalon.

The Boeing Lilydale, Victoria, electronics manufacturing plant will provide much of the equipment to be used by Boeing in the HFMOD project for the Australian Defence Force as well as supporting other Boeing projects and the existing customer base.

Boeing work with the Collins Class submarines - the provision of the combat and communications system and related programs - is unaffected by the move, with work continuing unchanged at HMAS Watson and another location in Sydney, at the Australian Submarine Corporation Construction Facility in Adelaide and at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia.

Boeing Australia Limited is part of The Boeing Company which has total worldwide sales in excess of US\$49 billion a year.

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