Boeing Satellite Systems Announces Organizational Change

Tig Krekel, president of Boeing Satellite Systems (BSS), and Joe DeSarla, executive vice president of BSS, have announced their intention to leave The Boeing Company to pursue other opportunities.

Krekel and DeSarla will be on special assignment supporting Jim Albaugh, president of the Boeing Space & Communications Group, and The Boeing Company on business and programmatic-related studies during a transition period.

Effective immediately, Randy Brinkley, currently senior vice president of programs, is appointed acting President of BSS, reporting directly to Jim Albaugh.

"Boeing Satellite Systems has prospered under the management and leadership of Tig and Joe, and we wish both of them much continued success in the future," said Albaugh. "We are very appreciative that they will be continuing in an advisory capacity for some time into the future."

Brinkley joined Hughes Space & Communications in 1999. Previous to joining Hughes, he was the Program Manager of the International Space Station at NASA's Johnson Space Center. He has also held leadership positions with McDonnell Douglas as the Manager of Advanced Aircraft Systems Research and Development and with NASA as the Mission Director for Shuttle Mission STS-61, the first servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope.

"The Boeing Company is committed to continuing on the path that Boeing Satellite Systems has been on for the last several years," Albaugh said. "The success that BSS demonstrated during the year 2000 has convinced us that the business has the correct strategy and focus."

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