Boeing Names Randy Brinkley President, Boeing Satellite Systems

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced the appointment of Randy Brinkley as president of Boeing Satellite Systems (BSS), reporting to the Office of the President, Boeing Space & Communications. Brinkley had been serving in an acting capacity since March 7, 2001.

As BSS president, Brinkley is responsible for general management of the world's largest manufacturer of commercial communications satellites and a major provider of space systems, satellites, and payloads for national defense, science, and environmental applications. In this role, Brinkley also oversees one of The Boeing Company's most exciting future growth markets, information and communications.

"As stated in a previous announcement, Randy and The Boeing Company intend to maintain the successful course that Boeing Satellite Systems has been on for the last several years," said Jim Albaugh, president of Boeing Space & Communications. "We remain convinced that the business has the correct strategy and focus, are confident of its continued success and are excited about its future prospects under Randy's leadership."

Prior to his current position, Brinkley was senior vice president of Programs for BSS. He was responsible for execution of all the company's programs, including profit and loss, in its four major markets: Department of Defense-Civil Government, National Security, Digital Processing, and Fixed Satellite Service/Broadcast Satellite Service. He also oversaw the Launch Services Acquisition organization.

Before joining Hughes Space and Communications Company, now BSS, in May 1999, Brinkley was a senior executive at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. As program manager for the International Space Station (ISS) for five years, he oversaw its redesign, from its earlier "Freedom" configuration and the subsequent incorporation of Russian participation. , which His leadership led to the successful on-orbit assembly of the first Russian and U.S. elements and set the stage for follow-on successes. Earlier, he was Mission Director for the Hubble Space Telescope repair mission which corrected flawed optics on Hubble's primary mirror. The planning and execution of an unprecedented five space walks for the shuttle astronauts.

Brinkley joined NASA in 1992 after two years with McDonnell Douglas, where he managed research and development activities for advanced aircraft systems and technologies.

After 25 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brinkley retired as a colonel. He saw combat before entering the U.S. Air Force pilot training program and becoming the Navy's Flight Instructor of the Year and the Marine Corps' Aviator of the Year. He has flown more than 4,000 hours in 42 types of aircraft, which include the F/A-18 Hornet and AV-8B Harrier.

Among his many awards are two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, a 1993 Laurels Award from Aviation Week and Space Technology, the National Aviation Association's 1993 Robert J. Collier Trophy, and Brazil's highest aeronautical award, the Santos Dumont Medal.

Brinkley holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and a master of science degree from Boston University. He undertook graduate work in national security and strategic studies as a Chief of Naval Operations Fellow at the Naval War College and graduated from the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN), Amphibious Warfare School, NATO Defense College, and the Marine Corps Engineers School.

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