Boeing, Space Systems/Loral Announce Delta IV Launch

Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Space Systems/Loral officials confirmed today that a Brazilian telecommunications satellite will be launched on a Delta IV rocket next year.

Estrela do Sul 1, which will provide telecommunications services to North and South America, is scheduled for launch from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., during the second half of 2002. Loral Skynet do Brasil will operate the satellite built by Space Systems/Loral. The high-powered Space Systems/Loral 1300 satellite will carry 41 Ku-band transponders and provide service to Brazil, North and South America, and the North Atlantic Ocean Region, supporting a variety of Ku-band applications.

Estrela do Sul 1 will be the third launch for the Boeing Delta IV family of launch vehicles, which enters service in 2002 with four planned launches during the year and a backlog of more than 40 launch service contracts. To date, Boeing and its customers have announced launch contracts that will support commercial telecommunications services in the South Pacific, Asia, Europe, and North and South America.

A Delta IV Medium Plus (4,2) -- one of five Delta IV variants -- will be used to launch Estrela do Sul 1. The five Delta IV variants include the Delta IV Medium, Delta IV Heavy, and three Delta IV Medium Plus versions that are designated by the size of fairing and number of solid rockets used.

For more information visit the Boeing Delta website.

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