Boeing and HAVELSAN Announce Missile Defense Partnership

Boeing [NYSE:BA] and HAVELSAN, a leading software company in the Republic of Turkey, have announced a memorandum of understanding to pursue solutions in regional and global ballistic missile defense.

Through this agreement, the two companies will collaboratively evaluate and develop opportunities in missile defense drawing on their existing skills, technologies and capabilities. Boeing is the prime contractor for the U.S. government's Ground-based Midcourse Defense and Airborne Laser programs. HAVELSAN is a leading software and systems company and is Boeing's partner on the Republic's Airborne Early Warning & Control, or AEW&C, contract signed last year.

In response to the new global focus of the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's ballistic missile defense program, Boeing has reached out across the globe and established global missile defense agreements in Europe, Canada and the United Kingdom.

"These international partnerships reflect Boeing's support of and commitment to a missile defense technology that will ultimately protect and benefit the people of many nations around the globe," said Jim Evatt, senior vice president and general manager, Boeing Missile Defense Systems, a business unit of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. "Because of HAVELSAN's leadership role and capabilities we believe this agreement will be mutually beneficial for developing regional as well as global opportunities."

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a $25 billion business. It provides systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in launch services.

HAVELSAN is the leading systems and software company of Turkey. It provides integrated systems in the global market for military and civilian customers. HAVELSAN develops innovative and the best value solutions in C4I, simulation, electronic warfare, avionics, management information, and information security systems.

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