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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today named Joris M. Vos, a former senior diplomat from the Netherlands, to the new position of Boeing President for European Union and NATO Relations.

Vos will be responsible for representing The Boeing Company at all European Union institutions and NATO. He will be based in Brussels at the Boeing-Europe headquarters.

"We are committed to collaborating with Europe," said Phil Condit, chairman and chief executive officer, The Boeing Company. "As a partner, customer and supplier, we have actively participated in the European aerospace community for more than 60 years, and we are here for the long-term. With the appointment of Joris Vos, we are taking our relationship with Europe to a new level that clearly demonstrates our growing presence in Europe is real and has mutual economic benefits."

Before joining Boeing, Vos held numerous ambassadorships including nearly five years in the United States as Ambassador of the Netherlands. He most recently served as Ambassador of the Netherlands to Portugal. He has over 30 years of experience interacting at different levels of government institutions, with the U.S. government, with NATO and with the European Union. He has lived and worked in many countries, including the US, Russia, Australia, the former Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. He speaks Dutch, English, French, German and Russian.

Born in the Netherlands in 1940, Vos graduated with an LLL.M Netherlands Law Degree from the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, with a specialization in International Law and the Law of International Organizations. Vos is the 12th senior International Relations executive to be appointed in the past 18 months to a post outside the United States. The new executives will focus on strengthening Boeing's local-market presence and identifying ways to grow the company's business.

"Boeing's strategy is to expand internationally, pursuing business initiatives that will create value jointly for Boeing and Europe," said Tom Pickering, Boeing senior vice president, International Relations. "Europe plays a key role in this strategy, and Joris will work closely with all of the Brussels-based institutions, the European Parliament and NATO, to help us forge closer ties and understand the environment better."

The Boeing Company's five main businesses -- Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Integrated Defense Systems, Boeing Capital Corporation, Air Traffic Management and Connexion by Boeing -- each operate in Europe. The company is expanding its presence in the region with a spares center in Amsterdam, the Moscow Design Center, its Jeppesen flight information services subsidiary in Germany and the United Kingdom, and the recently opened Research and Technology Center in Madrid.

Boeing's network of over 500 European partners and suppliers provides the company with components, services and systems valued at more than 4 billion euros annually.

The Boeing Company is the largest aerospace company in the world with a diversified portfolio in commercial jetliners, air traffic management, wide-band airborne internet connection, capital services, integrated defense systems, launch vehicles, satellites, and advanced information and communication systems. Boeing is also NASA's largest contractor. The company has an extensive global reach with customers in 145 countries.

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