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Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Aerostudies Inc. announced today the launch of the first university-based Aviation Safety e-learning curriculum at King Abdulaziz University (KAU), in Jeddah. This program represents another milestone which Boeing has reached, as part of the company's commitment to providing educational and training opportunities for people across Saudi Arabia and the Middle East.

The implementation of this program will allow the university's Aeronautical Engineering Department to provide state-of-the-art aviation safety training. The transfer of technology will be accompanied by the necessary training and follow-on technical support required to effectively deploy the e-learning program within KAU.

Marcus Hurley, president, Boeing Middle East commented: "As the first aviation safety curriculum of its kind, this project will provide training material consistent with those used by authorities worldwide and will benefit: airline operations; aviation regulatory bodies; airport operations; aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul; aircraft inspection; air transport systems and the military."

"The Boeing Company has worked with the Aeronautical Engineering Department at KAU for several years to define areas of mutual interest and cooperation. This program represents a major milestone in our continued commitment to KAU and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," added Hurley.

The Aviation Safety e-learning curriculum has been developed in conjunction with Aerostudies, a Canadian company that specializes in online aviation training.

The company's founder and President, Geoff Falconar, believes the program will offer many benefits for the students: "This online training program is based on the curriculum of the Transportation Safety Institute, which has a leading reputation across the worldwide aviation industry. Further, the capabilities of the new e-learning platform software we are providing allows KAU to continuously update, modify, and expand upon the curriculum as per the needs and requirements of the aviation community in Saudi Arabia and the region."

The KAU-based project is being undertaken by the Boeing Industrial Participation program in Saudi Arabia. This includes activity in support of the Saudi aerospace industry and the enhancement of self-sustainment initiatives for aircraft and related systems in the Kingdom.

The Boeing Company is the world's leading aerospace company, with its heritage mirroring the history of flight. It is the largest manufacturer of satellites, commercial jet liners and military aircraft. The company is also a global market leader in missile defense, human space flight and launch services. Chicago-based Boeing has an extensive global reach with customers in 145 countries.

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