Boeing Asks Court To Throw Out Lockheed Martin Allegations

Boeing [NYSE:BA] officials filed court documents yesterday in the U.S. District Court in Orlando, Fla., to dismiss nine counts in a civil suit brought against the company by Lockheed Martin.

Calling the suit an "effort to damage Boeing's reputation through...opportunistic litigation," the filing moves to dismiss all racketeering and antitrust allegations. According to George Muellner, Air Force Systems senior vice president and general manager for Boeing, "Lockheed Martin is trying to stretch alleged facts into violations of laws that do not fit this case.

"We have said that Boeing acknowledges the improper conduct of a few of its employees in this matter," Muellner continued. "And, although we disagree with some of the specific Air Force findings, we are working with the Air Force to determine the best way forward.

"While the company defends itself in court against the egregious claims by Lockheed Martin, we will continue to deliver on commitments to our customers and meet the Air Force's requirements for lifting the suspension as soon as possible," Muellner concluded.

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