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The first 767-200ER to be modified into a 767 Tanker Transport for the Italian Air Force was celebrated yesterday at the Boeing [NYSE:BA] Wichita Development and Modification Center in Kansas.

"This 767 will be configured to a full Tanker Transport configuration over the next year and a half," said Bob Gower, vice president of Tanker Programs for Boeing. "This will set the way for many other 767 Tankers to come through this facility."

Modifications being performed include installation of the advanced Remote Aerial Refueling Operator Station, aerial refueling boom, wing pods and centerline hose-and-drogue refueling systems, refueling receptacle freighter/passenger interior and cargo door. Some additional military, navigation and communications equipment will also be installed.

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