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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced that Linda Cook, president and chief executive officer of Shell Canada, has been elected to the Boeing board of directors, effective Dec. 1.

"With her broad international experience and leadership role in a global company, Linda brings a fresh perspective and an added dimension to our board," said Boeing Chairman and CEO Phil Condit.

Cook, 45, is currently based in Calgary, Alberta where she leads one of Canada's largest integrated petroleum companies, producing natural gas, natural gas liquids and bitumen. Shell Canada is also Canada's largest producer of sulphur, and a leading manufacturer, distributor and marketer of refined petroleum products.

Prior to her current role, Cook served for three years in London as chief executive officer for Shell Gas & Power, where she was responsible for the global natural gas and power generation activities of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. Her 23-year Shell career has also taken her to The Hague in the Netherlands where she worked as Director, Strategy & Business Development for Shell's Exploration & Production Global Executive Committee.

Cook joined Shell Oil Company in Houston in 1980, after graduating from the University of Kansas with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. She worked in Houston and California in a variety of technical and managerial positions until 1998 when she moved to The Hague.

Cook is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, a member of the Harvard School of Government Dean's Council, and a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives.

Originally from Kansas City, Kansas, she and her husband, Steve, have three children.

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