Boeing Names FR-HiTemp to 7E7 Partner Team

Boeing [NYSE: BA] has selected the United Kingdom's FR-HiTemp as supplier of various fuel pumps and valves for the all-new Boeing 7E7 Dreamliner passenger airplane.

Specifically, FR-HiTemp will provide pumps to be used for engine fuel feed, fuel override and jettison, the auxiliary power unit, the center fuel tank and water scavenging. That equipment supports fueling and defueling the airplane, transfer of fuel from fuel tanks to the main engines and the auxiliary power unit (APU), and jettisoning of fuel when necessary.

"With this announcement we have completed more than 60 percent of the systems awards for the 7E7. We are on schedule and making excellent progress," said Boeing 7E7 Senior Vice President Mike Bair. "FR-HiTemp is a great addition. It has the skills and commitment to help us achieve our goals."

FR-HiTemp is a strategic business unit within the Aerospace Systems Group of Cobham plc. It specializes in fuel and air distribution systems and electro-mechanical equipment for aerospace and defense. FR-HiTemp has long supplied equipment and systems for Boeing airplanes, including the 737, 777, C-17 and more recently a retrofit activity on 747-400s.

"Cobham is very proud to be confirmed as part of the 7E7 team and we are delighted with this award," said Andy Stevens, managing director of Aerospace Systems Group for Cobham plc. "This contract strengthens our long-term relationship with Boeing and takes us to a higher level of systems involvement. We already have our engineers in Seattle working with the Boeing team and we look forward to being part of this exciting aircraft program."

The Boeing 7E7 Dreamliner is a family of mid-sized airplanes that will provide exceptional fuel efficiencies for airlines and superior comfort for passengers. The airplane is expected to enter into service in 2008.

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