The New Era of Inflight Connectivity Is Here: Connexion by Boeing and Lufthansa Announce the World Premiere of Airborne Internet

Connexion by Boeing, a business unit of The Boeing Company (NYSE:BA), and Lufthansa German Airlines today announced that passengers on LH 452, flying on May 17, 2004 from Munich, Germany, to Los Angeles, Calif., will be the first in the world to experience real-time, WiFi-based, high-speed Internet connectivity on a commercial flight route.

The Connexion by Boeing^{SM} service comes to life in partnership with Lufthansa's FlyNet® portal onboard Lufthansa's A340-300 aircraft. Via the FlyNet® portal travelers get free updates to current news, travel information, shopping possibilities and frequent flyer details, whereas the Connexion by Boeing fee-based service allows travelers to surf the Worldwide Web, send and receive emails with attachments and set up a secure data connection via a Virtual Private Network (VPN) to their corporate intranets or mail servers.

"In close partnership with Lufthansa, our global launch customer, we have now achieved our shared vision of giving the Internet wings," said Connexion by Boeing President Scott Carson. "This is the historical first step for Connexion by Boeing to use available technology to affordably enhance the way people on the move communicate, work and entertain themselves."

Connexion by Boeing will offer the service to passengers for a flat rate of US $29.95 dollars for the entire flight or a metered option of US $9.95 for 30 minutes and 25 cents per minute thereafter.

The Connexion by Boeing service has been installed so far on 5 aircraft in Lufthansa's long-haul fleet. Lufthansa has committed to install the service on all of the airline's long-haul aircraft and will offer real-time, high-speed connectivity to passengers traveling on all long-haul routes from Munich and Frankfurt by 2006.

Connexion by Boeing, recipient of the 2003 World Travel Award for World's Leading High-Speed In-flight Internet Services Provider, brings high-speed Internet, data and entertainment connectivity to travelers via a broadband connection to the aircraft. Connexion by Boeing has definitive agreements with Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines System, Japan Airlines, ANA and Kingdom Holding Co. to equip their long-haul aircraft with the service. In addition, Singapore Airlines, China Airlines and Korean Air have announced their intent to install the Connexion by Boeing system on their long-range aircraft. Connexion by Boeing also offers a high-speed connectivity solution for the business aviation and maritime markets. For more information or to subscribe to the Connexion by Boeing e-newsletter, please visit the Connexion by Boeing website.

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