Boeing and Australia's CEA Announce Missile Defense Partnership

Boeing [NYSE:BA] and CEA Technologies of Australia have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a cooperative partnership in the area of global missile defense.

Under this agreement, the two companies will evaluate and develop opportunities in missile defense and evaluate architectures for defending against global and regional ballistic missile threats. This cooperation could lead to future joint research and development of missile defense technologies.

Boeing is the prime contractor of the U.S. government's Ground-based Midcourse Defense and Airborne Laser programs. The company has established missile defense agreements in the United Kingdom, Canada, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Israel and Japan.

"We are very pleased to sign an MoU with CEA of Australia, a company with a great deal of expertise and significant potential to contribute to missile defense solutions not just for Australia, but also for the United States and other allies," said James Evatt, Boeing Senior Vice President of Missile Defense Systems.

CEA's Chairman, VADM Don Chalmers AO RAN (Rtd) agreed, adding, "the Australian government has supported CEA in the development of advanced radar technologies to meet theater ballistic missile defense requirements. The MoU will facilitate joint participation in evaluating and developing solutions."

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis , Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a $27 billion business. It provides systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in launch services.

CEA Technologies specializes in the design, development and manufacture of advanced radar and communications solutions, having supplied civil and military systems into land, maritime and air environments. CEA is a leading supplier of scalable active phased array radar for surveillance and missile fire control applications, maritime integrated communications systems and harbor and coastal surveillance systems.

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