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Etihad Airways has announced the signing of a proposal acceptance to purchase five Boeing 777-300ER jetliners. The order is expected to be finalized in the near future. At that time, Boeing will add it to the company's order book. Boeing said it is pleased to be working with Etihad to finalize the airline's first order for Boeing airplanes.

"It's always exciting when we establish a working relationship with a new airline so they can see firsthand the quality of our Boeing products, as well as the pride and support our employees show for Boeing airplanes," said Lee Monson, vice president of sales for the Middle East and Africa -- Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Etihad's passengers who fly the 777-300ER will experience the very best in long-haul flight comfort, and the airline will benefit greatly from the 777's proven efficiency and performance."

Etihad Airways' decision to purchase the 777-300ER is a testament to their high confidence in twin-engine efficiency and safety and their desire to meet the needs of passengers with direct long-haul routes.