Boeing Nears Completion of World's Longest Range Jetliner

The three main sections of the first Boeing [NYSE:BA] 777-200LR (Longer Range), which will be the world's longest-range commercial airplane, were recently joined at the company's Everett, Wash. plant. The 777-200LR can carry 301 passengers up to 9,420 nautical miles (17,446 kilometers), making possible routes such as London-Sydney and New York-Singapore with a full passenger load. The first 777-200LR will be unveiled in February and begin flight-testing in March. First delivery is scheduled for the first quarter of 2006. Pakistan International Airlines and EVA Air are the airplane's first customers.

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