Boeing, KLM In Agreement for Two More Boeing 777-200ERs

Boeing [NYSE: BA] confirms KLM Royal Dutch Airlines's announcement today that the carrier is ordering two more Boeing 777-200ER jetliners, thereby increasing its Boeing 777 fleet to 12 airplanes. The airplanes will be delivered during the first quarter of 2006. KLM uses 777-200ERs, which fly up to 14,316 kilometers (7,730 nautical miles) to connect its Amsterdam base to New York, Tokyo, Cape Town and Nairobi among other international destinations.

"The market-leading 777 family is the fastest-selling airplane family in the history of twin aisle airplanes. And we're expanding the family with the 777-200LR -- the longest range jetliner -- and the 777 Freighter", said Marlin Dailey, vice president of sales for Europe, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 777-200ERs versatility allows for exceptional efficiency on routes across the Atlantic as well as to the Far East . With its high-performance wing, efficient engines and lighter structure, the 777 is significantly more fuel-efficient than competing products - about 16 percent better than other airplanes in its class."

KLM's 777s were the first airplanes in the world equipped with the new Boeing Electronic Flight Bag (EFB), which places all the information pilots need to fly the airplane at their fingertips in a digital format.

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