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Boeing [NYSE:BA] has selected Korry Electronics, an Esterline Technologies [NYSE:ESL] company based in Seattle, Wash., to provide the flight-deck control panels for the 7E7 Dreamliner. The panels include the pilots' overhead panels and switches.

"It's great to start the year by adding another high-quality partner to our 7E7 team," said Mike Bair, vice president and general manager of the 7E7 program. "Korry has a long relationship with Boeing and we know they will help us create an airplane that pilots love to fly in."

Frank Houston, Korry's president, said, "We're very excited to be part of the 7E7 program as the primary integrator for this important system. The advanced flight deck lighting technology we are developing for this new aircraft will ultimately result in operational cost benefits for the airlines."

7E7 Dreamliner

The 7E7 is a family of three super efficient airplanes that will provide passengers with a better flying experience. The 7E7-8 Dreamliner will carry 217 passengers in three-classes of seating with a range of up to 8,500 nautical miles (15,700 kilometers). The 7E7-3, a model of the 7E7-8 optimized for shorter flights, will carry 289 passengers in two-class seating on ranges up to 3,500 nautical miles (6,500 kilometers). The 7E7-9, a longer version of the 7E7-8, will carry 257 passengers in three classes with a range of 8,300 nautical miles (15,400 kilometers).

Korry Electronics

Korry Electronics, a subsidiary of Esterline Corporation, is the market leader in the design and manufacture of illuminated cockpit interface products for display and control, and is known for its expertise in lighting. Every Korry solution integrates expertise in optics, electronics and software, mechanical packaging, mechanism design, and human factors. The company was founded in 1937 by Boris Korry, a former Boeing engineer. Korry's products can be found on virtually all Boeing aircraft.

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