XM Radio Receives On-Orbit Delivery of Third Boeing-Built Satellite

Boeing [NYSE:BA] announced the successful on-orbit handover of the XM-3 satellite to XM Satellite Radio Inc., today.

"XM-3 is one of the most powerful satellites ever built," said Dave Ryan, president of Boeing Satellite Systems International, Inc. "Boeing's technology will enable XM-3 to transmit more than 150 channels of digital-quality music, news, sports, talk, comedy and children's programming to subscribers nationwide."

Alcatel Space of Toulouse, France, provided the S-band Digital Audio Radio Service payload for XM-3.

Boeing Satellite Systems International, Inc. is the world's leading manufacturer of government and commercial communications satellites. Boeing's satellite manufacturing and process initiatives were validated in 2004 with the Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 5 certification and Aerospace Standards (AS) 9100 certification. 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 $30.5 billion business. It provides network-centric system solutions to its global military, government, and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; 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 sustainment solutions and launch services.
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