Boeing Signs Contract for Dutch Chinooks

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today signed a direct commercial sales agreement with the Defence Materiel Organization of the Dutch Ministry of Defense for six new-build CH-47F (NL) Chinook helicopters. The agreement, which marks the first international sale of the CH-47F, provides for non-recurring development, production and post-delivery aircraft support.

The Netherlands-unique version of the U.S. Army CH-47F will include a next-generation Honeywell Avionics Control and Management System (ACMS) cockpit avionics suite, an integrated forward-looking infrared capability and several other newly developed multi-mission features.

"This contract exemplifies the Royal Netherlands Air Force's commitment to its forces," said Jack Dougherty, director, Boeing H-47 Programs. "The new CH-47F (NL) will provide the Dutch military a multi-mission asset today and well into the future."

"The CH-47F (NL) program covers a much needed expansion of our Chinook fleet, both in numbers and capabilities," said Lt. Col. Walter Smit, CH-47F (NL) project manager for the Defense Materiel Organization.

According to the agreement, aircraft deliveries will occur between July 2009 and January 2010. In addition to the new ACMS cockpit, the aircraft will feature next-generation, improved situational awareness and survivability features, special operations equipment and a modernized airframe. The RNLAF Chinook fleet serves with the 298 Squadron based at Soesterberg Air Force Base and supports the Dutch Air Mobile Brigade, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and United Nations operations.

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