KLM Takes Delivery of its 15th 777 in Seattle

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines took delivery of its 15th Boeing 777-200ER (Extended Range) last Friday from Paine Field in Everett, Wash., north of Seattle. KLM is leasing the airplane from International Lease Finance Corp. (ILFC). KLM, part of the Air France KLM Group, operates the 777-200ER on long-haul international routes from its Amsterdam base to cities such as Cape Town, Los Angeles and Tokyo.

To complement its existing fleet, the airline has ordered the 777-300ER and currently has a total of 19 777s in operation and on order through direct purchase and lease agreements. "Our aim is to have a young and technologically advanced fleet of wide-body airplanes to get the best performance and value available on the market today. And, equally important to us and the communities we serve, the 777 is quiet and CO2 efficient," said Peter Hartman, president and chief executive officer of KLM. The airplane arrived at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport on April 28.

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