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Multiple airlines and additional landing gear MROs have signed new agreements with Boeing's [NYSE: BA] Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program covering 777, 737NG, 767-300F and 717 airplanes. The program, managed by the Component Repair and Leasing Services group, provides greater options and flexibility for landing gear support to Boeing operators.

Israel's El Al Airlines is the launch customer for the new 777 Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange program.

Boeing has aligned with APPH Aviation Services LTD, a Manchester, UK-based landing gear MRO provider, to support the 717 fleet.

Ireland-based Pembroke Group, Ltd has joined Boeing's new Next-Generation 737 Landing Gear program launched earlier this year.

Boeing has also reached an MRO support agreement with Goodrich. The Goodrich Landing Gear Services group located in Miami will support Boeing's 767-300 Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program.

One additional unnamed customer has also signed onto the Landing Gear and Exchange Program in support of Next-Generation 737's.

"Boeing's landing gear team is working together with MRO alliances to develop new solutions for our customers' landing gear maintenance requirements," said Paul Morgen, director of Boeing's Component Services. "The program will help all airlines to operate more efficiently by assuring they have the overhauled gears they need, when they need them."

By utilizing the Boeing Repair Network Service Centers, airline customers will receive fully overhauled and certified landing gear support anywhere around the world from Boeing and key MROs for a number of landing gear rotable programs. The rotable program enables customers to exchange unserviceable or time-expired landing gear for newly overhauled landing gear from a pool controlled by Boeing. This specific landing gear program provides quick, reliable access to landing gear repair, exchanges and overhauls which greatly reduces maintenance time and quickly returns the customers' airplanes to service.

Currently, the Boeing program provides additional landing gear overhaul and exchange solutions to over two dozen customers on the MD-11, 777, 737NG and 717 airframes, with additional asset and MRO capacity growth available to help support their customers' requirements. With the alignment of key landing gear MROs situated globally, Boeing offers strong support options for customer overhaul schedules. Boeing is reviewing additional aircraft models to determine market demand and how to support the industry with alternative solutions.

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