Boeing Names New Vice President of International Strategy

ST LOUIS, Feb. 11, 2008 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has named retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Jeffrey B. Kohler vice president of International Strategy for Integrated Defense Systems Business Development.

In this role, Kohler will develop strategies to grow the company's international business while improving IDS products and services through strengthened partnerships around the world.

"Jeff's extensive international experience and leadership qualities are tremendous assets as we continue to broaden Boeing's global reach," said Chris Raymond, vice president, IDS Business Development. "This position underscores the impact international business opportunities have on our long-term growth and productivity and will complement our current focus."

Prior to retiring from the Air Force in September 2007, Kohler was director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, where he led U.S. foreign military sales and financing programs, international military education and training, and humanitarian assistance and mine action programs for the U.S. Department of Defense. Under his leadership, the agency managed more than 12,000 security assistance cases from 189 countries and organizations.

During his 34-year Air Force career, Kohler also served as director of Plans and Policy at U.S. European Command Headquarters in Germany and director of Operational Plans at U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He also has commanded the 34th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base (AFB), Utah; the 12th Operations Group at Randolph AFB, Texas; the 100th Air Refueling Wing, Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England; and was the vice commander of 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, South Korea.

An accomplished command pilot-rated aviator, Kohler has logged more than 3,500 flying hours in numerous fighter and trainer aircraft, including the KC-135R, F-4 and F-16.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a master's degree in history from the University of Indiana.

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