Boeing Earns ISO 14001 Environmental Certification at Southern California Sites

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Dec. 17, 2008 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announced that its Space and Intelligence Systems facilities in El Segundo, Seal Beach and Sylmar, Calif., have received International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 certification, a global benchmark of an organization's commitment to understand and continuously improve its environmental performance.

Boeing is working to have all of its major manufacturing sites certified to the ISO 14001 standard by the end of 2008.

Independent auditors from Det Norske Veritas, an accredited certification body of quality, environmental and safety management systems, performed the audits in October to ensure an established environmental management system exists and that employees understand their roles in protecting the environment.

"We have made significant progress over the last several months to improve our environmental performance, but the journey doesn't end here," said Craig Cooning, vice president and general manager of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems. "Our environmental management system and the work we do to support it will continue to evolve as we improve our energy efficiency and further reduce waste and greenhouse-gas emissions."

The auditors commended the El Segundo and Seal Beach sites for their recycling efforts, alternative commuting program and participation in the Solar America Initiative, a U.S. Department of Energy effort to accelerate the development of advanced solar-energy technologies. The El Segundo certification also includes Boeing facilities in Torrance and Taft, Calif.

Spectrolab, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boeing based in Sylmar, earned praise for achieving more than 300 workdays without an employee injury, distributing reusable water bottles to its work force and providing employees with visible guidelines on how to respond to emergencies.

"We are proud of this achievement," said David Lillington, president of Spectrolab. "Energy efficiency is at the heart of what Spectrolab does, and this certification demonstrates to our customers and communities that we are doing our part to improve our environmental performance."

El Segundo, Seal Beach and Sylmar join 15 other Boeing facilities that have achieved ISO 14001 certification: Auburn and Everett, Wash.; Bankstown, Exmouth and Fishermans Bend, Australia; Huntsville, Ala.; Kennedy Space Center, Fla.; Long Beach, Calif.; Mesa, Ariz.; Philadelphia; Portland, Ore.; St. Louis; Salt Lake City; San Antonio; and Winnipeg, Canada.

The Boeing Company is committed to pioneering environmentally progressive technology and relentlessly reducing its environmental footprint. Since the introduction of the first Boeing jetliner, airplane emissions of carbon dioxide have been reduced by around 70 percent and noise footprints have been reduced by approximately 90 percent. Boeing targets improving fuel efficiency and reducing carbon dioxide emissions of each new generation of commercial airplane by at least 15 percent compared with the airplanes they replace. Boeing has set aggressive targets to increase solid-waste-recycling rates and energy efficiency by 25 percent and to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions intensity by 25 percent at its major manufacturing facilities by 2012, with a comparable goal for hazardous-waste reduction. For more information, visit the company's Environment Report at www.boeing.com/environment.

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