Boeing Leaders Appointed for Australia and India

- Ian Thomas to lead Boeing Australia and South Pacific

- Dinesh Keskar to lead Boeing India

CHICAGO, Feb. 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Boeing Company today named Ian Thomas president of Boeing Australia and South Pacific, and Dinesh Keskar as vice president of Boeing International and president of Boeing India. The appointments are effective March 1. Both executives will report to Shep Hill, president of Boeing International.

Thomas, who was formerly president of Boeing India, succeeds Craig Saddler, who will be moving to a new position with Boeing in the United States, which will be announced separately.

Thomas will be responsible for government affairs in Australia and will coordinate all Boeing activities in Australia and across the South Pacific region. Prior to serving as president of Boeing India, he led Boeing Integrated Defense Systems business development efforts in Europe. "Ian's experiences in the United Kingdom and India make him ideally suited to lead our company in Australia," said Hill.

Keskar will represent the entire enterprise and be responsible for leading Boeing-wide efforts focused on expanding the company's local presence and pursuing new growth and productivity initiatives. Prior to this appointment, Keskar served as Boeing Commercial Airplanes vice president of Sales for South and Southeast Asia and was responsible for overseeing all activities for that business within the region. "Dinesh has a proven track record for sales and market development in India," said Hill. "He is a well known and recognized expert in India's aerospace community. Dinesh has the experience, market knowledge and expertise to further enhance our partnership and collaboration with India."

Boeing is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined. Additionally, Boeing designs and manufactures rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, satellites, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems. As a major service provider to NASA, Boeing operates the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. The company also provides numerous military and commercial airline support services. Boeing employs more than 160,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries.

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