

Boeing to Highlight Array of Defense Products and Services at Australian International Airshow

AVALON AIRPORT, Victoria, Australia, March 05, 2009 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] will showcase an array of leading-edge technology, products, services and capabilities at the 2009 Australian International Airshow, which opens March 10 at Avalon Airport in Victoria.

"The Australian International Airshow provides an opportunity for Boeing to meet with the Australian Defence Force, regional customers, and partners to discuss how best to meet emerging needs," said Rick McCrary, vice president of Australia Business Development for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. "Boeing is an important part of the Australian aerospace and defense industry, and we are pleased to be a long-standing participant at this major show."

Boeing will host three media briefings during the air show, starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, with an overview of the company's defense business and programs in Australia.

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, Boeing, the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and the U.S. Navy will present a briefing on the world's most advanced combat-proven, multirole strike fighter -- the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet. Australia is acquiring 24 Super Hornets to enhance the RAAF's air combat capability. The final scheduled briefing, at 11 a.m., will provide an update on the P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft.

Boeing's presence at the show will include the static display and aerial demonstration of Australia's newest fighter aircraft -- the F/A-18F Super Hornet -- and the C-17 Globemaster III military transport. Other products on static display include the CH-47 Chinook medium-lift helicopter, ScanEagle Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, and Wedgetail AEW&C aircraft. The Boeing exhibit also will feature the Vigilare air battle management system, a P-8 mission demonstrator console, and an F/A-18 simulator.

Boeing is sponsoring the public flying display and Night Alight Finale on Friday, March 13, which will include a performance by the Super Hornet.

Note: All times listed below are local to Avalon Airport.

TUESDAY, March 10 -- Conference Room 3, Hall B

1000 Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in Australia

Rick McCrary, Boeing IDS vice president of Australia Business Development, provides an overview of Boeing's Australian defense business and future opportunities. John Duddy, managing director, Boeing Defence Australia, provides an update on Boeing Defence Australia programs, including Vigilare and the High Frequency Modernisation program.

Note: The Wedgetail AEW&C briefing previously scheduled for 11 a.m. has been canceled due to schedule conflicts. The program plans to conduct a media briefing in the near future; information to follow. For Wedgetail-related questions, please contact Dave Sloan at 253-657-8008 or david.a.sloan@boeing.com.

WEDNESDAY, March 11 -- Conference Room 3, Hall B

1000 F/A-18E/F Super Hornet

Bob Gower, F/A-18 and EA-18 Programs vice president; Carolyn Nichols, F/A-18 Australia program manager; U.S. Navy Capt. Mark W. Darrah, F/A-18 & EA-18G program manager (PMA-265); and RAAF Group Captain Steve "Zed" Robertson, Head of the Air Combat Transition Office, provide an overview of Australia's F/A-18F Super Hornet strike fighter program.

1100 P-8A Poseidon

Charles Dabundo, deputy P-8 program manager for Boeing, and U.S. Navy Capt. Leon Bacon, P-8A Poseidon team lead, provide an update on the P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft program.

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