Boeing to Showcase Super Hornet Flight Simulator at Latin America Aerospace and Defence 2009

ST. LOUIS, April 08, 2009 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] will showcase the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet Block II flight simulator and an array of company products, services and capabilities at the Latin America Aerospace and Defence (LAAD) 2009 trade show, held April 14-17 in Rio de Janeiro.

"As one of the world's fastest-growing aerospace events, LAAD provides an excellent opportunity for Boeing to meet with potential customers from all over Latin America to discuss how we can meet their near-term and future defense and security requirements," said Joe McAndrew, Boeing vice president of International Business Development for Europe, Israel and the Americas. "Furthermore, Boeing is looking forward to establishing a long-term relationship with the Brazilian Air Force, industry and government."

The Super Hornet strike fighter is in service with the U.S. Navy, on order for the Royal Australian Air Force and involved in competitions in Denmark, Greece and India. In February, Boeing submitted the Super Hornet for the Brazilian Air Force's F-X2 competition.

The F/A-18E/F Super Hornet flight simulator will be the centerpiece of Boeing's display at LAAD. It consists of a front and rear cockpit and demonstrates the capabilities of the single-seat E-model and the two-seat F-model.

A 180-degree projection screen offers virtual-reality visibility of cities, forests, roads and buildings as well as enemy aircraft. The system is capable of demonstrating simulated aerial combat and air-to-ground targeting, navigation, and mission systems operation. Operators can also land on or take off from runways or an aircraft carrier.

Boeing has scheduled a Super Hornet media briefing at 2 p.m. local time on Wednesday, April 15, in LAAD's main press center. Bob Gower, vice president of F/A-18 and EA-18 Programs for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, will present an overview of the world's most advanced combat-proven, multirole fighter and discuss Boeing's industrial-participation activities related to the F-X2 competition.

Boeing will also participate in a Network-Centric Defence Systems panel discussion at LAAD's Defence Seminar on April 15 at 11:15 a.m. Boeing Chief Systems Architect Tom Dubois will present on the topic of "Application of Network-Centric Technologies to Transform Security Operations in Latin America."

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