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HVIDOVRE, Denmark, June 3, 2009 – The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], Danish aerospace maintenance training leader TEC Aviation, and the Dutch World Class Aviation Academy (WCAA) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore opportunities to develop state-of-the-art maintenance training, courseware development, computer-based training and virtual maintenance training for the Northern European aerospace market. This initiative paves the way for the possible exchange of students, instructors and course materials between the two schools, as well as potential joint pursuit of funding for the collaboration.

The signing took place at TEC Aviation's new campus in Hvidovre and was attended by Danish Minister of Education Bertel Haarder and representatives from the Danish Metal Workers Union. Many of the union's more than 140,000 members are trained in aviation maintenance in support of Denmark's aerospace industry.

"It is our goal to become a leading educational center for aerospace maintenance in Northern Europe," said Per Madsen, TEC Aviation chairman. "We are very proud of our partnership with The Boeing Company and the Dutch World Class Aviation Academy, and we look forward to working with them to develop maintenance training courses that meet future military and commercial aviation needs."

The WCAA, based in Woensdrecht, The Netherlands, provides vocational education and training for military and civilian aircraft in the Netherlands. It is a Part 147-certified* aviation academy with some of the same needs and requirements as TEC Aviation. In March, Boeing signed a letter of intent with the ROC West Brabant regional training center in the Netherlands to explore the development of the WCAA.

"We are very excited at the opportunity to work with our aviation training colleagues at TEC Aviation and with Boeing," said Peter Huis in 't Veld, WCAA executive director. "This collaboration on technical aviation training sets a new standard for cooperation within the industry, education and our governments, to everyone's benefit."

Boeing Northern Europe President Jan Narlinge said this alliance is the latest step in a growing partnership Boeing is forging with Denmark.

"TEC Aviation is a well-respected leader in Danish aviation technical learning and we are proud to be working alongside them in this venture," said Narlinge. "We hope to learn from each other as we continue leveraging our aerospace and business resources in Denmark for years to come. Along with the World Class Aviation Academy, TEC Aviation and Boeing can have a dramatic impact on the future of aviation maintenance training in Northern Europe."

Steve Winkler, director of International Alliances for Boeing International Support Systems, said the MOU indicates "that businesses and countries alike are moving to form global alliances in pursuit of cutting-edge technology and education in the aerospace maintenance industry. We hope that our expertise and experience will contribute to the Danish economy and at the same time make the region a leader in aviation technology training."

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