Boeing, Radio Frequency Systems Partner to Market High Frequency Communications System Worldwide

BRISBANE, Queensland, Oct. 15, 2009 -- Boeing Defence Australia (BDA), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], and global wireless and broadcast infrastructure specialist Radio Frequency Systems (RFS) have announced a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to jointly market Boeing's Modernised High Frequency Communications System (MHFCS) internationally.

The MOA establishes that with the award of a contract to acquire the MHFCS, RFS will provide its antenna systems -- known as antenna rosette -- to complement Boeing's system. Prior to a contract being awarded, BDA and RFS will share in presenting and demonstrating the system to military, government and telecommunication providers around the world.

"Developed over 10 years for use by the Australian Defence Force (ADF), Boeing's MHFCS is independently recognized as the world's most advanced system of its type," said Steve Parker, vice president and general manager of Network & Space Systems for BDA. "RFS is an important supplier of antenna systems to BDA, and this agreement marks the next step in our teams' successful collaboration. RFS' expertise in the innovative design, manufacture and installation of high frequency antennas significantly strengthens our MHFCS offering."

The MHFCS is one of Boeing's first high-value products developed outside the United States for international sale. The system facilitates the secure exchange of information and data such as voice, e-mail, facsimile and Web browsing between fixed and mobile stations via high frequency communications.

"As a leader in customized, next-generation solutions for the most demanding defense and civilian operations, RFS is mobilizing its world-class high frequency communications capabilities to support Boeing's international MHFCS and defense outreach," said Stéphane Klajzyngier, president of RFS. "As a global solutions provider for high frequency communications systems, Boeing is an extremely attractive partner for RFS, and we look forward to working with Boeing to introduce our common solution to new customers worldwide."

RFS is a global designer and manufacturer of cable, antenna and tower systems, as well as active and passive Radio Frequency conditioning modules, providing total-package solutions for wireless and broadcast infrastructure. The company serves Original Equipment Manufacturers, distributors, system integrators, operators and installers in the broadcast, wireless communications, land-mobile and microwave market sectors. As an International Organization for Standardization-compliant organization with manufacturing and customer service facilities that span the globe, RFS offers cutting-edge engineering capabilities, superior field support and innovative product design. RFS is a leader in wireless infrastructure. For more information, visit www.rfsworld.com.

Boeing Defence Australia, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company and a business unit of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, is a leading Australian aerospace enterprise. With a world-class team of nearly 2,000 employees at 13 locations throughout Australia and two international sites, BDA supports some of the largest and most complex defense projects in Australia.

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses specializing in innovative and capabilities-driven customer solutions, and the world's largest and most versatile manufacturer of military aircraft. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a $32 billion business with 70,000 employees worldwide.

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