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Strengthening of India team to deepen engagement with aerospace and defense industry

(June 18 update clarifies job title, adds quotes) **ST. LOUIS, June 16, 2010** -- In a move to position the business for further growth in the rapidly evolving Indian defense industry, Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announced that Bob Gower has been named vice president, Boeing Military Aircraft (BMA) India.

In this new position, Gower will expand and manage the BMA product line in India, including P-8I, F/A-18IN, C-17, Apache and Chinook. Gower will be based out of St. Louis.

Vivek Lall, vice president and India country head for Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS), will continue to be responsible for all BDS activities in country and will work closely with Gower in support of BMA activities.

"Bob is an outstanding leader who will be critical in helping Boeing grow and reposition to meet the complex defense and security challenges of the 21st century," said BMA President Chris Chadwick. "Bob understands customer needs and always works to find a way to exceed customer expectations."

Dinesh Keskar, president, Boeing India, said, "Our strategy for India is more than just platform sales. We are here for the long term and are committed to sharing knowledge, resources and technology with our partners for the growth and benefit of the aerospace and defense industry in India."

According to Lall, "India is a \$31 billion defense market with tremendous growth potential. The strengthening of the India team comes at a time when we are looking for new opportunities in the market and for ways to build our industry partnerships."

Prior to taking on this assignment, Gower managed several businesses within BMA. Most recently, he served as vice president of F/A-18 and EA-18 Programs, managing a multibillion-dollar business as it maintained a perfect record of on-time deliveries. He also successfully completed development of the EA-18G Growler electronic attack variant and captured domestic and international orders.

Previously, as vice president of Tanker Programs, Gower was responsible for the technical, cost and schedule performance of the 767 Tanker Program. He led the program's start-up, capture of initial international customers, and development of the tanker and associated support.

Gower also has served as vice president of Supplier Management Operations for BDS. In this position, he led an e-commerce initiative, a common systems initiative, and strategic supplier contracting, and served as national chairperson of the Aerospace Industries Association Supplier Management Council.

Other positions Gower has held within McDonnell Douglas and Boeing include general manager of Navy Missile Systems, director of Supplier Management and Procurement for F/A-18, director of Process Improvement in the McDonnell Douglas Corporate office, assignments in Corporate Contracts and Pricing, and various financial positions on the Tomahawk Missile program.

Gower holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southeast Missouri State University and a master's degree in business administration from Lindenwood University. He is a graduate of the Advanced Management Program of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Gower served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve until 1988, attaining the rank of sergeant. He serves on the Executive Board of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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