Boeing Completes Modernised High Frequency Communications System for Australia

BRISBANE, Queensland, July 8, 2010 -- Boeing Defence Australia, a wholly owned subsidiary of The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA], has announced the completion of Joint Project 2043's High Frequency Modernisation (HFMod) Project. The formal letter of completion for the project was delivered on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia on June 16 from the HFMod Project Authority.

"This final milestone indicates all system requirements have been met and the Commonwealth is confident this Modernised High Frequency Communications System (MHFCS) is providing the Australian Defence Force with a secure, cost-effective, strategic high-frequency communications capability," said Steve Hudson, Boeing project manager, HFMod Project.

MHFCS is a managed long-range communications system that offers Australia the secure exchange of information between fixed and mobile stations using one integrated system.

"Boeing's HFMod team has developed, built and now delivered the most advanced high-frequency system in the world," said Charles Toups, vice president and general manager, Boeing Network & Tactical Systems. "This is an outstanding achievement and a true indication of Boeing's commitment to developing advanced technology solutions globally for our customers."

Boeing is currently marketing the MHFCS internationally and is discussing the system with several potential customers.

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More information on the MHFCS is available here.

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