Boeing to Provide Landing Gear Exchange Service to Qantas Airways

Qantas is launch customer for 747-400ER landing gear program

SEATTLE, Aug. 31 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) will perform landing gear exchange, repair and overhaul services on Qantas Airways' 747-400ER (extended range) jetliners. Qantas, the program launch customer for the 747-400ER and operator of six of the airplanes, becomes the launch customer for the 747-400ER Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program.

Qantas will use the Boeing Service Center Repair Network for quick, reliable access to landing gear exchanges, repair and replacement around the world, greatly reducing maintenance time. The agreement takes effect in 2011.

The launch of the Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program by Qantas for the 747-400ER family provides a similar opportunity for operators of the 40 747-400ER Freighters currently in service.

"We appreciate that a customer such as Qantas is demonstrating their confidence in Boeing to provide them with this important service," said Dale Wilkinson, vice president, Material Services, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "By choosing Boeing's landing gear exchange program, Qantas will have immediate access to a replacement gear without having to invest in a landing gear asset themselves."

Qantas Airways is the latest of more than 70 customers to take advantage of the Boeing's Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Program. Boeing coordinates with airlines and global component repair and overhaul suppliers to promptly return airplanes to service.

More than 500 airplanes have benefitted from the Boeing Landing Gear Overhaul and Exchange Programs for 717, Next-Generation 737, Boeing Business Jet, 757-300, 767-300, 777-200ER/-300/300ER, MD-11 and, now 747-400ER/ERF models. The program adheres to Boeing-approved quality processes and procedures and provides full technical and emergency support.

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