Boeing, Netherlands Ministry of Defence Sign Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Agreement

WOENSDRECHT, Netherlands, Nov. 4, 2010 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] and the Netherlands Ministry of Defence Logistic Center Woensdrecht today entered a Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) framework agreement to expand the center's capabilities and develop opportunities for Dutch industry. The alliance is aimed at ensuring the readiness of CH-47 Chinook and AH-64D Apache helicopters operated by the Royal Netherlands Air Force, as well as broadening regional MRO activities through support of other military and civilian aircraft.

"Enhancing our depot capabilities in conjunction with Boeing and Dutch industry will improve our mission to support the Dutch military's Chinook and Apache rotorcraft," said Air Commodore Peter Ort, director of the Logistic Center Woensdrecht, Directorate of Materiel Organisation, Netherlands Ministry of Defence. "This agreement also fits the 'Maintenance Valley' initiative supported by the new Dutch government to bolster the Netherlands' position as a regional hub for military and civilian aircraft MRO activities."

Signing the agreement with Ort was Peri Widener, director of Army Integrated Logistics for the Global Services & Support business of Boeing Defense, Space & Security.

"Boeing has partnered with the Dutch Ministry of Defence for decades through aircraft programs including the Chinook and Apache," Widener said. "We have demonstrated our international experience in delivering affordable, reliable logistics, sustainment and MRO solutions to maximize global readiness for our customers. We are focused on strengthening our ties with the Netherlands and contributing to the Dutch aviation industry and economy."

Today's agreement follows a November 2009 teaming agreement between Boeing and the World Class Aviation Academy of the Netherlands to provide customers in the region with military maintenance training on fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft.

The Logistic Center Woensdrecht (LCW) is the Netherlands Ministry of Defence agency and center of expertise for air weapon systems, communication systems and mission support. The LCW performs logistics activities as well as system integration, maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrade activities. With combined technical and logistic expertise, the LCW serves its operational users and other partners within and outside the Netherlands.

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