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- European training capability expanded with second 787 full-flight simulator

FARNBOROUGH, United Kingdom, July 11, 2012 / PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and the Europe-based TUI Travel PLC have signed a five-year agreement to provide 787 Dreamliner flight, maintenance and cabin safety training. Boeing also announced today at the Farnborough International Airshow it will place a second 787 full-flight simulator at its European training headquarters at London Gatwick to support the training requirements of the TUI Group and European 787 customers. In addition, Boeing will provide training for other airplane types operated by Thomson Airways.

"We pride ourselves on going beyond the regulatory training to adapt to the individual needs of our pilots," said Captain Stuart Gruber, Head of Flight Operations - Technical and Training for TUI Travel. "With Boeing, we have the perfect partner, right on our doorstep in Europe, to deliver a training program that is as innovative as the 787 aircraft itself."

TUI Travel PLC consists of six airlines, of which Arkefly in The Netherlands, Belgium-based Jetairfly, Thomson Airways of the United Kingdom and Sweden-based TUIfly Nordic are scheduled to receive the Boeing 787. Thomson Airways pilots will also train on the Boeing Next-Generation 737, 757 and 767 as well as A320 at the Boeing Flight Services London Gatwick campus.

"This agreement truly enhances the support Boeing provides to airlines at our regional training campus in the U.K.," said Sherry Carbary, vice president, Boeing Flight Services. "Our European customers now have an outstanding base to centralize their 787 training requirements at one location. It's just one way we are giving airlines a competitive edge by creating and implementing tailored training solutions so they can focus on what really matters, keeping pilots and planes flying revenue flights."

Boeing operates 20 training campuses around the world, supporting more than 400 customers, including eight 787 training suites at five locations around the world.

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