Boeing Marks One-Year Anniversary of 787 Certification

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 24, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- This weekend Boeing (NYSE: BA) will celebrate the one-year anniversary of certification of the 787 Dreamliner. On Aug. 26, 2011, both the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) granted type certificates for the all-new jetliner. In addition, the FAA added the 787 to the Boeing production certificate.

"Receiving those documents marked a real turning point for the 787 program and was an historic milestone for The Boeing Company," said Larry Loftis, vice president and general manager of the 787 program. "Certification demonstrated that the airplane met the all requirements for commercial operations, that we had completed the most rigorous test program in our history and that the Dreamliner was ready to enter revenue service."

To date, 17 787s have been delivered to airlines and the program has more than 800 unfilled orders with 58 customers worldwide. The in-service airplanes are performing as expected with dispatch reliability ratings equal to previous new Boeing models including the 777.

"We are always mindful of the sacrifices made and the great talent applied to achieve the challenging goals we put in front of the team," said Loftis. "From concept, to design, to build to testing – it took tens of thousands of men and women from around the world focusing on a single goal to earn those certifications."

One month after certification, the company delivered the first 787 to launch customer ANA. One month later, the airplane entered revenue service.

"It's been a great 12 months for the 787 team," said Loftis. "And better yet, we see a long, bright future for this program."

About the Boeing 787 Dreamliner

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner was officially launched in April 2004 with a record-setting order from ANA (All Nippon Airways). The Dreamliner brings a 20 percent fuel use improvement to the market along with a 30 percent reduction in maintenance costs. The airplane has gained technical and critical acclaim world wide because of its pioneering use of composites for primary structure, advanced electronic systems and exceptional passenger-comfort features.

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