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EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Sept. 4, 2012-- The Boeing [NYSE: BA] 702MP has been selected by Intelsat S.A. for the Intelsat 29e satellite, the first of the recently announced Intelsat Epic^{NG} next-generation high-performance system.

"Boeing is proud to have been selected to build the Intelsat 29e satellite, which is designed to raise the industry bar for performance and reliability and offer customers unparalleled flexibility and control," said Craig Cooning, chief executive officer of Boeing Satellite Systems International and vice president and general manager of Boeing Space & Intelligence Systems. "Intelsat's choice of the 702MP for the first Intelsat Epic^{NG} satellite reflects our commitment to meeting the advanced requirements of next-generation technologies."

Scheduled for launch in 2015, Intelsat 29e will offer high-performance communications coverage spanning North and South America, the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea, and the North Atlantic aeronautical route connecting North America and Europe.

Intelsat Epic^{NG} is designed to address wireless and fixed telecommunications, enterprise, mobility, video and government applications that require broadband infrastructure. A complementary high-throughput overlay to the Intelsat fleet, the Intelsat Epic^{NG} platform will utilize multiple frequency bands, wide beams and spot beams with a high degree of flexibility and connectivity.

"Our customers require an advanced architecture specially designed to meet their fixed and mobile communications needs," said Thierry Guillemain, Intelsat senior vice president and chief technical officer. "With higher throughput, strong economics and a degree of control that meets our customers' business requirements, Intelsat Epic^{NG} caters to this environment. Its architecture combines multi-band frequency reuse with the benefits of backward and forward compatibility, resulting in a high-performance solution not previously available in the commercial satellite sector. We selected Boeing because they were able to meet this challenge."

With Intelsat 29e, the first Intelsat Epic^{NG} satellite, Intelsat completes its four-satellite order with Boeing. The first satellite in the order, Intelsat 22, is nearing six months of flawless operations in geostationary orbit. Intelsat 21, recently launched by a Sea Launch rocket, is now fully deployed and undergoing on-orbit testing. The third satellite, Intelsat 27, is set for launch in the first quarter of 2013.

Intelsat is the leading provider of satellite services worldwide. For over 45 years, Intelsat has been delivering information and entertainment for many of the world's leading media and network companies, multinational corporations, Internet Service Providers and governmental agencies. Intelsat's satellite, teleport and fiber infrastructure is unmatched in the industry, setting the standard for transmissions of video, data and voice services. From the globalization of content and the proliferation of HD, to the expansion of cellular networks and broadband access, with Intelsat, advanced communications anywhere in the world are closer, by far.

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