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Airborne surveillance and battle management capability delivered 5 weeks ahead of schedule in partnership with local industry

ROKAF BASE GIMHAE, South Korea, Oct. 31, 2012 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] on Oct. 24 delivered the fourth and final 737 Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft to the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF), demonstrating the continuing success of the company's partnerships with local industry.

"We delivered five weeks ahead of schedule thanks to the hard work, focus and close collaboration among the ROKAF, Korea's Defense Acquisition Program Administration, Boeing and our in-country suppliers," said Rick Heerdt, Boeing vice president of Airborne Surveillance, Command and Control.

Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) modified and supported testing of three of the four 737-based Peace Eye aircraft at its facility in Sacheon.

"Throughout the program, KAI demonstrated its outstanding technical capability and modification experience in delivering this powerful airborne surveillance and battle management capability that enhances the security of the Korean peninsula," Heerdt said.

Other Korean companies that made key contributions to the AEW&C program include:

- Korean Air Aerospace Division: technical services, spares and related parts-handling services
- LIG Nex1: networking and training
- Samsung Thales: mission crew training.
- Boeing Training Services Korea: flight crew training
- Huneed Technologies: ground-based datalinks communications system.

The AEW&C team has delivered all ground support segments for mission crew training, mission support and system maintenance to ROKAF Base Gimhae, the Peace Eye fleet's main operating base.

Boeing is providing on-site technical support, training and spare parts as part of an interim support program. This allows seamless support of the Peace Eye fleet as it transitions to a through-life support program.

Boeing also has delivered six AEW&C aircraft to Australia. Four other AEW&C aircraft are in production for Turkey.

The 737 AEW&C aircraft is designed to provide airborne battle management capability with an advanced multirole electronically scanned radar and 10 state-of-the-art mission crew consoles that are able to track airborne and maritime targets simultaneously. The mission crew can direct offensive and defensive forces while maintaining continuous surveillance of the operational area.

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