Boeing Completes Sale of First 777 to Republic of Iraq

-- 777-200LR to support launch of long-haul routes

-- Order book also includes Next-Generation 737s, 787 Dreamliners

SEATTLE, Dec. 15, 2012 –Boeing [NYSE: BA] delivered a 777-200LR to the Republic of Iraq, marking the beginning of Boeing's renewed partnership with the country.

The airplane touched down at Baghdad International Airport and was welcomed with a traditional water cannon salute. The ceremony was attended by senior government leaders, including His Excellency Hadi al-Ameri, Iraqi Minister for Transportation, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Steve Beecroft.

"We are rebuilding our country's aviation sector and the purchase of the Boeing 777-200LR will help us begin developing the long-haul market," said al-Ameri. "This airplane has the proven capability of connecting virtually any two cities in the world non-stop, in addition to carrying a full cargo payload. With its unparalleled efficiencies, the 777-200LR will be a strategic addition to the fleet."

The Republic of Iraq also has 30 Next-Generation 737s on order, the first of which are scheduled for delivery in mid-2013, as well as 10 787 Dreamliners.

"We are proud to be part of the new beginnings of the Iraqi aviation sector and appreciate the trust that the Republic of Iraq has placed in Boeing products," said Marty Bentrott, vice president of Sales, Middle East, Russia, and Central Asia, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "We look forward to growing and strengthening our partnership with the Republic of Iraq."

As one of the newest members of the 777 family, the 777-200LR can carry more passengers and revenue cargo farther than any other jetliner today. The 777-200LR can also carry a full cargo load on routes where other airplanes are payload limited. This gives its operators the capability to carry the same number of passengers farther and with additional revenue-generating cargo. The 777-200LR also serves as the platform for the Boeing 777 Freighter, the world's largest, most capable twin-engine freighter.

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