Boeing Expands Capabilities for Pilot Training Around the World

New full-flight simulators with advanced certification ready to meet pilot demand

SEATTLE, June 17, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] announced today the placement of several new full-flight simulators that expand capabilities for pilot training globally, while bringing more training closer to where airlines operate.

Two simulators—a Next-Generation 737 and 777—are now ready for training at the Boeing Flight Services Singapore campus. Another 787 Dreamliner simulator has also been placed at the London Gatwick campus where two other 787 simulators are already located. Boeing serves its customers through a global network on six continents, including eight advanced 787 training suites in Miami, London, Singapore and Shanghai.

"Boeing Flight Services provides our customer around the world every competitive advantage, including training assets convenient to their route structures," said Sherry Carbary, vice president, Boeing Flight Services, a business unit of Commercial Aviation Services. "In addition to our convenient locations around the world, we deliver the highest quality, best value training, providing the expertise only Boeing can provide. As our industry grows and demand for pilots increases, we will be prepared to meet the needs of our customers."

The 2013 Boeing Pilot and Technician Outlook -- a respected industry forecast of aviation personnel—indicates that by 2032 the world will require:

- 498,000 new commercial airline pilots
- 556,000 new commercial airline maintenance technicians

The Asia Pacific region continues to lead the global demand, calling for 192,300 new pilots and 215,300 new technicians through 2032. Additionally, with 1,030 total orders from 60 customers worldwide, there is an increased need for pilot training on the 787 Dreamliner globally.

"A robust global training network doesn't just serve Boeing, but airlines around the world and the industry as a whole," said Bob Bellitto, director, Customer Group, Boeing Flight Services. "There's no question that there's an urgent need for more aviation personnel around the world. These new flight training devices are a demonstration of Boeing's commitment to the aviation industry, to meet its growing needs and those of our customers around the world."

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