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EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 28, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) today rolled out of its paint hangar the first 787-9 Dreamliner that will be delivered to Etihad Airways. The airplane is painted in the airline's new 'Facets of Abu Dhabi' livery with colors reminiscent of the desert landscape, inspired by the culture, Islamic design and architecture motifs of the United Arab Emirates.

"The U.S. is a strategically important part of our network," said James Hogan, president and CEO, Etihad Airways. "As we celebrate the rollout of our first 787 today, we remain focused on bringing Etihad Airways' world-class hospitality and unparalleled product experience to provide more choice to Americans traveling with us worldwide. We are also very proud to support vital U.S. businesses including Boeing as one of the largest airline customers for the Dreamliner, an aircraft that will play a fundamental role in the future of our growing international network."

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the UAE, will take delivery of its first 787-9 later this year. Etihad Airways is one of the world's largest customers for the 787 with a total of 71 Dreamliners on order, including 41 787-9s and 30 787-10s.

"Etihad Airways is one of the most forward-thinking airlines of the world and we're proud to have their trust and confidence in the Dreamliner," said Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and CEO Ray Conner. "The airline's new livery is a unique design that reflects the UAE's rich heritage of innovation and great hospitality."

The 787 will be a key part of Etihad Airways' fleet and network expansion plans. The airline has announced that the 787-9 will be introduced on six of the airline's routes: Dusseldorf, Germany; Doha, Qatar; Washington, D.C.; Mumbai; Brisbane, Australia and Moscow.

The new 787-9 complements and extends the super-efficient 787 family. With the fuselage stretched by 20 feet (6 meters) over the 787-8, the 787-9 can fly more passengers and more cargo farther with the same exceptional environmental performance – 20 percent less fuel use and 20 percent fewer emissions than the airplanes it replaces.

The 787-9 leverages the visionary design of the 787-8, offering passengers features such as large windows, large stow bins, modern LED lighting, higher humidity, a lower cabin altitude, cleaner air and a smoother ride.

Nearly 60 customers from around the world have ordered more than 1,000 Dreamliners, approximately 40 percent of which are 787-9s.

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