Boeing, Air India celebrate 20th 787 Dreamliner

New airplane is world's first 787 in Star Alliance livery

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., March 31, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Air India celebrated the airline's milestone delivery of its 20th 787 Dreamliner from Boeing's final assembly facility inNorth Charleston, S.C.

"Taking delivery of our 20th 787 Dreamliner marks an important day for Air India," said Rohit Nandan, Chairman and Managing Director, Air India. "With this airplane we are building on the success of our other 787s, which are providing an exceptional experience to our passengers while allowing us to expand our network both within India and around the world."

The new Dreamliner also features the Star Alliance livery, Air India's – and the world's – first 787 to do so. The flag carrier joined the leading global airline network last year, reflecting the strong network growth of the Indian aviation market.

"Today Air India joins an elite group airlines who have taken delivery of 20 or more 787s and this milestone highlights the successful partnership we have between Boeing and Air India," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president, Asia Pacific and India Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 787 continues to provide great value to Air India, opening new routes, with superior fuel efficiency and unmatched passenger comfort."

Air India serves more than 60 domestic and 37 international destinations. The airline has ordered 27 787 Dreamliners, with seven more scheduled to be delivered.

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