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Adient Aerospace secures regulatory approval to develop, manufacture and sell seats to airlines and leasing companies

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SEATTLE, Oct. 16, 2018 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Adient (NYSE: ADNT) today announced their airplane seat joint venture Adient Aerospace is operational after securing regulatory approvals. The companies also appointed Alan Wittman as Chief Executive Officer and named the team that will lead Adient Aerospace in addressing the aviation industry's need for more capacity and quality in airplane seating. Industry analysts forecast the commercial aircraft seating market to grow from approximately \$4.5 billion in 2017 to \$6 billion by 2026.

"Adient Aerospace is now open for business, providing better customer and passenger experience with quality seats," Wittman said. "Our focus is comfort, craftsmanship and operational excellence that will differentiate our products and services, all while offering more choice and better meeting the commercial airplane industry's needs."

The joint venture between Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company, and Adient, the global leader in automotive seating, is developing a portfolio of seats for new airplane and retrofit configurations. Adient Aerospace has opened a customer service center in the Seattle, Washington area, and product development is underway in Kaiserslautern, Germany, as a continuation of work performed under an agreement the two companies signed in 2017. Adient Aerospace is initially developing lie-flat business class seating offerings for widebody airplanes.

Adient Aerospace CEO Wittman was most recently the director of Business Operations for Boeing's 787 Dreamliner program. Others named to the Adient Aerospace leadership team include:

- Jason Fahlbush (Adient), COO
- Jörg Kaib (Adient), CFO
- Gary Senechal (Boeing), VP of sales & marketing
- Stefanie Rautio (Boeing), VP of certification & regulatory compliance
- Frank Toenniges (Adient), VP engineering

About Boeing:

Boeing is the world's largest aerospace company and leading manufacturer of commercial jetliners and defense, space and security systems. A top U.S. exporter, the company supports airlines and U.S. and allied government customers in more than 150 countries. Boeing products and tailored services include commercial and military aircraft, satellites, weapons, electronic and defense systems, launch systems, advanced information and communication systems, and performance-based logistics and training.

About Adient:

Adient is the global leader in automotive seating. With 85,000 employees operating 238 manufacturing/assembly plants in 34 countries worldwide, we produce and deliver automotive seating for all vehicle classes and all major OEMs. From complete seating systems to individual components, our expertise spans every step of the automotive seat making process. Our integrated, in-house skills allow us to take our products from research and design all the way to engineering and manufacturing – and into more than 25 million vehicles every year. For more information on Adient, please visit adient.com.

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