Boeing, KLM Announce Order for Two 777 Jets

New purchase will grow KLM's 777 fleet to over 30 airplanes, increasing network flexibility

Additional 777 jets to complement carrier's growing 787 Dreamliner fleet

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 2, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines today announced that the carrier has ordered two more 777-300ER (Extended Range) airplanes as it continues to operate one of Europe's most modern and efficient fleet.

The order, valued at $751 million at current list prices, was previously attributed to an unidentified customer on Boeing's Orders & Deliveries website.

"KLM is one of the world's leading network carriers and an aviation pioneer and we are delighted the airline has once again selected the Boeing 777-300ER to strengthen its long-haul fleet for the future," said Ihssane Mounir, senior vice president of Commercial Sales & Marketing for The Boeing Company. "KLM's continuing interest in the 777-300ERs shows the enduring appeal and value of the 777, thanks to its outstanding operating economics, superior performance and popularity among passengers."

The 777-300ER can seat up to 396 passengers in a two-class configuration and has a maximum range of 7,370 nautical miles (13,650 km). The airplane is the world's most reliable twin aisle with a schedule reliability of 99.5 percent.

Operating out of its home base inAmsterdam, the KLM Group serves a global network of 92 European cities and 70 intercontinental destinations with a fleet of 209 aircraft. The carrier operates 29 777s, including 14 777-300ERs. It also flies 747s and the 787 Dreamliner family.

KLM, the world's oldest airline still operating under its original name, is celebrating its centenary this year. In 2004 it merged with Air France to create Europe's largest airline group. The Air France-KLM Group is also one of the largest operators of the 777 family with nearly 100 between the combined fleets.

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