Boeing Names Stephen Parker as CEO of Defense, Space & Security

- Parker has 37 years of Boeing experience with global expertise in manufacturing, program management and technical leadership

ARLINGTON, Va., July 1, 2025 / PRNewswire / -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announcedStephen (Steve) Parker as president and chief executive officer of its Defense, Space & Security (BDS) business, effective immediately. Parker has served as interim leader of the Boeing business unit since September 2024.

"Under Steve's leadership, our defense business has stabilized its operations, improved program execution and strengthened relationships with our customers," said Boeing President and CEO Kelly Ortberg. "With proven experience in manufacturing and program management, combined with his focus on developing people and building a strong culture, Steve is a leader who exemplifies the best of Boeing."

Parker will report to Ortberg and serve on the company's Executive Council. Parker will oversee all aspects of the company's business unit that provides technology, products and solutions for defense, government, space and intelligence customers worldwide.

Parker was previously BDS chief operating officer, responsible for day-to-day business operations overseeing teams that include quality, manufacturing and safety, supply chain and program management. Before that, Parker led BDS divisions including Bombers & Fighters and Vertical Lift, and oversaw teams that developed many of the most innovative products and solutions across Boeing's defense portfolio. He also managed Boeing Defence Australia, the company's largest subsidiary outside the U.S. Parker joined Boeing in 1988.

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