Boeing Completes 1st 702HP Satellite for Government of Mexico

'Centenario' satellite to launch in 2014

Mexsat system to expand disaster-relief, remote-area communications

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Jan. 7, 2014– Boeing [NYSE: BA] has completed the first of two 702HP (high power) geomobile satellites, Centenario, for Mexico's new Mexsat end-to-end satellite communications system. Mexsat will provide enhanced social communications to the people of Mexico, as well as capability for military, civil and humanitarian needs.

Centenario will be stored by Boeing for the Mexican Ministry of Communications and Transportation (SCT) until launch. Centenario and the second Boeing satellite, Morelos-3, are scheduled to launch in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

"Boeing, Mexico's Telecomm technical agency and its consultants have worked closely together throughout the design, build and test of this satellite," said Craig Cooning, vice president and general manager of Boeing Space & Intelligence Systems and CEO of Boeing Satellite Systems International. "Our combined expertise ensures that the Mexsat system will provide reliable telecommunications to the country's most remote areas."

Boeing is the overall integrator for the Mexsat system, which comprises three satellites, two ground network and satellite control stations in Mexico, associated network operations systems, and 67 reference user terminals. Bicentenario, a fixed satellite system spacecraft built by Boeing subcontractor Orbital Sciences, launched in December 2012 and is being operated by Telecomm.

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