Boeing Statement on President's National Space Transportation Policy

HOUSTON, Nov. 21, 2013 – Boeing issued the following statement from John Elbon, vice president and general manager of the company's Space Exploration division, regarding today's announcement of President Barack Obama's National Space Transportation Policy:

"Boeing applauds the president's balanced approach to developing affordable commercial crew and cargo transportation in areas of proven technology, while he simultaneously accepts the challenge for the United States – as the world's leader in space exploration – to go far beyond Earth's orbit. We have no doubt that this policy will inspire generations of future engineers, scientists, researchers and astronauts.

"As we have for more than 50 years, Boeing supports NASA's spaceflight endeavors, working with our customer to achieve affordable commercial crew and cargo transportation under NASA's Commercial Crew program, as well as America's heavy-lift rocket to beyond Earth orbit, the Space Launch System. We also help to maintain the International Space Station, the cornerstone for both low-Earth-orbit and deep-space exploration. Its unmatched lessons about the effects of long-term space habitation will prove critical to deep space exploration."

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