BOEING SELECTS EVERGREEN AVIATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR 767-300 PASSENGER-TO-FREIGHTER CONVERSIONS

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Boeing announced that Evergreen Aviation Technologies Corp. (EGAT) will perform passenger-to-freighter conversions for the 767-300 Boeing Converted Freighter (BCF) program.

Under the agreement, EGAT, an award-winning aircraft Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in Taiwan, will modify and convert 767-300BCFs. The first airplane converted at the facility will redeliver in 2018.

Boeing has received 27 firm orders from customers worldwide for the 767-300BCF.

“The customer demand we’ve received for Boeing Converted Freighters is a testament to the quality and value of our products,” said Mike Fleming, vice president, Fleet Services, Boeing

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Commercial Aviation Services. “Boeing-managed conversions provide dependability, reliability and operational efficiency advantages that will help our customers adapt and succeed in the evolving air cargo marketplace."

The 767-300BCF conversion entails the modification of a passenger airplane to the cargo configuration. Converted 767-300BCFs have about the same cargo capability as the 767-300 production freighter with approximately 52 metric tons structural payload at a range of approximately 3,000 nautical miles (5,930 km.) and 412,000 lbs. (187,270 kg.) maximum takeoff weight. There are 24 pallet positions on the main deck.

An experienced Boeing partner, EGAT has successfully carried out complex airframe conversions that built up the fleet of Boeing Dreamlifters – converted 747 airplanes used to support the 787 program – since 2005, as well as a 747-400 Propulsion Test Platform for GE Aviation in 2014.

“We look forward to continuing to build on our strong relationship with Boeing through our partnership on the 767-300BCF program,” said Michael Chang, Chairman of EGAT. “Airline customers who order Boeing’s 767-300BCF will benefit from the outstanding, high-quality products engineered by Boeing, as well as an on-time conversion performed at an award-winning facility in EGAT.”

The expansion of Boeing’s passenger-to-freighter MRO supplier base supports market growth. Boeing's Current Market Outlook forecasts a need for 400 widebody conversions over the next two decades, with strong demand for 767 freighter conversions due to growth in e-commerce.

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