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Evergreen International Aviation Selected as Operator of Boeing's 747 Large Cargo Freighter

Signing ceremony took place December 14

McMinnville, Oregon; December 15, 2005—Evergreen International Aviation has been selected to operate and maintain the Boeing 747 Large Cargo Freighter (LCF) fleet. These three specially modified airplanes will transport major components of the all-new Boeing 787 Dreamliner. A signing ceremony for this partnership took place at the Evergreen Aviation Museum Wednesday, December 14 at 4 p.m.

The LCF is a modified 747-400 with an enlarged upper fuselage, an aft fuselage that swings open for loading and unloading of the 787 Dreamliner sections, and a vertical fin increased in height by five feet. The first two LCFs will enter service in early 2007, transporting 787 sections from Italy, South Carolina, Japan, and Kansas to Boeing's assembly plant in Everett, Washington. A third LCF will enter service later.

Evergreen's diverse subsidiaries will each play a role in the operations and maintenance of the LCF. Evergreen International Airlines will operate the aircraft, Evergreen Air Center will conduct maintenance, and Evergreen Aviation Ground Logistics Enterprises will provide ground handling. The Evergreen companies' capabilities are an ideal match for LCF operations, with worldwide operating authority, 45 years of global aviation operational expertise, unlimited maintenance capability, an expert ground logistics division, and a seasoned, professional leadership team.

"Evergreen International Airlines is an expert in its field, with over a half million hours of 747 experience," said 787 Vice President of Airplane Production Scott Strode. "We have complete confidence that EIA will meet the aggressive schedule required to transport Dreamliner components around the world."

Evergreen International Airlines President Brian Bauer added, "Evergreen is thrilled to be such a key player in the production of the [Boeing] Dreamliner. Evergreen has operated Boeing 747 aircraft since the 1970's, and purpose-built aircraft since its inception in 1960. The LCF program will play well on these capabilities."

Evergreen will participate in LCF operational testing beginning mid-2006, with aircraft certification planned for later the same year.

About Evergreen International Aviation:
Evergreen International Aviation, Inc. is a portfolio of five diverse aviation companies headquartered in McMinnville, Oregon. With international operating authority and a network of global offices and affiliates, Evergreen consists of an international cargo airline that owns and operates a fleet of Boeing 747s, an unlimited aircraft maintenance, repair, and overhaul facility, a full-service helicopter company, an aircraft ground handling

company, and an aircraft sales and leasing company. In addition to these endeavors, Evergreen owns and operates Evergreen Agricultural Enterprises and is headquartered near the not-for-profit Evergreen Aviation Museum, home of the Spruce Goose.

For more information about Evergreen, please call (800) 472-9361 or visit www.evergreenaviation.com.

About the Boeing 787 Dreamliner:
The 787 is a family of three super-efficient airplanes that will provide passengers with a better flying experience. The airplanes will feature significant improvements in passenger amenities including cleaner air, bigger windows, a lower cabin altitude and higher humidity. Detailed design of the 787 is under way with production scheduled to start in 2006. First flight is planned for 2007 with deliveries beginning in 2008. Boeing has 309 announced firm orders and commitments for the 787 from 25 airlines worldwide.

For more information, visit www.boeing.com.

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