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DELTA BUYS McDONNELL DOUGLAS' MD-11 AND  
BOEING'S 767-300ER AIRCRAFT FOR INTERNATIONAL ROUTES;  
EXPANDS DOMESTIC FLEET PLAN WITH NEW OPTIONS

ATLANTA, GA, September 22, 1988 -- Ron Allen, Delta Air Lines' Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, today announced orders and options for 40 McDonnell Douglas MD-11 international-range aircraft, and orders and options for 25 Boeing 767-300ER international-range aircraft. This latest aircraft acquisition involves firm orders for nine MD-11s and for nine 767-300ERs, which when spare engines and spare parts are included, represents an investment of \$1.75 billion. He also announced options for another 100 McDonnell Douglas MD-88s and 50 Boeing 757-232s. These options will be used for expansion and the replacement of older aircraft in Delta's domestic fleet. This is in addition to 42 Boeing 757-200s, 12 Boeing 767-300s and 85 McDonnell Douglas MD-88s remaining from previously-announced orders and options.

"These new orders and options announced today highlight our international and domestic growth plans and commitment to maintaining the most modern fleet of aircraft available," remarked Delta's Allen. "This latest action involves an additional 215 aircraft for expansion and replacement of older aircraft."

Delta's selection of two different aircraft, the MD-11 and 767-300ER, for use on its international routes gives the airline the flexibility required on its Atlantic and Pacific routes. Initially, the MD-11 will operate in the Pacific and later to Europe. The 767-300ERs will operate over the Atlantic. Delta's Allen said, "The competition among the airplane and engine manufacturers was keen. Selecting an international fleet to carry us into the year 2000 was complex due to the superb airplanes and engines available for our consideration."

The first of the MD-11s will be delivered to Delta in the spring of 1991 with deliveries of the 767-300ER beginning a year earlier in 1990. Pratt & Whitney's PW4000-series engine will power both international-range jets. In Delta's configuration the MD-11 will seat 276 passengers and the 767-300ER seating will be approximately 220 passengers.