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TO BUSINESS EDITOR:

DELTA AIR LINES ADDS TWO MD-11 ORDERS

LONG BEACH, Calif., Feb. 6, 1991 -- Delta Air Lines added two McDonnell Douglas (NYSE: MD) MD-11 firm orders, bringing its firm orders for the trijet to 13 and total commitments to 44, plus two leased aircraft now in service.

Delivery of Delta's wide-cabin airliners will begin in September 1991. The newest firm orders are scheduled for delivery in the spring of 1993.

Delta today began serving a new long-range route linking Orlando, Fla., Los Angeles and Tokyo, using two MD-11 trijets leased from Tombo Aviation, U.S. subsidiary of Japan's Mitsui & Co.

"The MD-11 will give us an opportunity to expand our Pacific routes and replace existing equipment with larger capacity, longer-range aircraft," said Ronald W. Allen, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Delta Air Lines. He added that a three-class seating arrangement (first, business and coach) will be offered.

Delta's selection of the MD-11 will continue the long association of the two companies. The Atlanta-based airline first began operating McDonnell Douglas aircraft in 1926 with the use of M-2 Mailplanes. Delta began flying DC-2s in 1940, and was the first user of the DC-8, DC-9 and MD-88.

To date, McDonnell Douglas has 377 firm orders and other commitments for the MD-11 from 32 customers in 24 countries, of which five aircraft have been delivered. The MD-11 is built by the corporation's Douglas Aircraft division in Long Beach, Calif.

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