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Low-level flight of jumbo jet planned over Indianapolis Tuesday, December 15

Indianapolis (December 14, 2015) – A large Boeing 747-200 jet will take to the skies over Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 shortly after 12 Noon. The jumbo jet is owned by Rolls-Royce, and operated with support from Raytheon Company (NYSE:RTN), as a test bed for the latest commercial jetliner engines. The aircraft will fly over Rolls-Royce and Raytheon offices in Indianapolis on its way back from Oscoda, Michigan to the Rolls-Royce Flight Test Operations base in Tucson, Arizona.

The planned trip over Indianapolis will include low flight levels to facilitate photography opportunities over both companies' facilities. The flight plan has been pre-approved by the FAA, local government and airport officials and first responders have been notified.

"Rolls-Royce flying test bed programs are critical in the certification process to bring new jet engines to market. Our 747 is returning from a maintenance center where we began preparing it for upcoming tests on our new Trent 1000 TEN engine. During the return flight to Tucson, we thought it would be great to say thank you to our Indianapolis engineering and manufacturing teams that contribute to the engine program's success," said Clive Barton, Rolls-Royce Flying Test Bed Program Manager.

"Raytheon is a leading provider of mission support and operations services," said Todd Probert, vice president of Mission Support and Modernization at Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services. "This event provides an opportunity to highlight our trusted partnership with Rolls-Royce's as they evaluate their next-generation engines. We look forward to seeing the aircraft over our Indianapolis facility."

The 747 has four engines, including the Trent 1000, which is one of Rolls Royce's largest engine programs and many of the engineers who work on the program are based in Indianapolis. This will be an opportunity for them to see the product in flight. Early next year, the aircraft will begin testing new Trent 1000-TEN (Thrust, Efficiency and New technology) engine, which will boost fuel economy by up to 3 percent compared with the Trent 1000s in service today.