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Mitsubishi Aircraft Proceeds With MRJ Manufacturing Phase

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Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation announced today that it has entered the production drawing phase for the company’s next-generation Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) and continues to proceed with the manufacturing process. Since finalizing the MRJ configuration in September 2009, Mitsubishi Aircraft has been working on the design review targeted for completion by summer 2010.

In the manufacturing process, Mitsubishi Aircraft is responsible for design integration, while production of components will be carried out by respective partners. Mitsubishi Aircraft’s partners have already been designated, while Mitsubishi Heavy Industries (MHI) is responsible for fabricating the fuselage, wing, empennage, and aircraft final assembly.

Development of the MRJ program continues to progress on schedule, with first flight scheduled for 2Q 2012, and first delivery in 1Q 2014.

About Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation
Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation commenced operation on April 1, 2008 to conduct the design, type certification, procurement, sales & marketing and customer support of the Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ). It is currently capitalized at 100 billion yen, with financing furnished by, among others, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd., Toyota Motor Corporation, Mitsubishi Corporation, Sumitomo Corporation and Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

About MRJ
The Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) is a family of 70- to 90-seat next-generation regional jets which will offer both top-class operational economy
and outstanding cabin comfort based on a vision of applying advanced mainline jet technology to create a new standard of next-generation regional jets.

The MRJ is under development by Mitsubishi Aircraft and will be based on cutting-edge technology cultivated by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. (MHI) during its many years engaged in the development and manufacture of both military and commercial aircraft.

By featuring state-of-the-art aerodynamic design, noise analysis technologies and a game-changing engine, the MRJ will significantly cut fuel consumption, noise and emissions, consequently improving airline competitiveness and profitability. The MRJ will have a four-abreast seat configuration, large overhead bins, and feature an innovative slim seat offering heightened passenger comfort.