



GOING LONG

At 250 feet 2 inches (76.3 meters) in length, Boeing's new 747-8 Freighter will be the longest commercial jet airplane when it enters service, scheduled for late next year. It moved closer to first flight last month as mechanics began the "power on" process—a complex series of tasks that energize and activate the airplane's electrical and other systems. **GAIL HANUSA/BOEING**

Quotables

“We think [Airborne Laser] will be a game-changer for weapon systems the same way stealth technology transformed aerial combat.”

— Michael Rinn, Boeing vice president and Airborne Laser program director, following the successful in-flight test firing of the high-energy laser on board the Boeing Airborne Laser aircraft, also called “first light in flight,” as reported in *Defense Daily* on Aug. 21

“The airplane is alive.”

— Joe Guerrero, a team leader in 747 Systems, referring to the 747-8 Freighter's achieving electrical “power on,” which allows the program to begin testing the airplane's electrical as well as hydraulic and pneumatic systems, as reported in *Randy's Journal* blog on Aug. 17

“We're encouraged that our view of the combined manufacturers' gap is trending below the \$5 billion mark, and it likely will be well under that by year-end.”

— Walt Skowronski, Boeing Capital Corp. president, referring to how Boeing's midyear data dispute earlier industry estimates of financing that will have to be provided by all commercial airplane manufacturers for 2009 deliveries

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