

Boeing, Etihad to develop aviation biofuels

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Aircraft maker Boeing Co., Etihad Airways, the oil company Total and others say they will work together on a program to develop an aviation biofuel industry in the United Arab Emirates.

Boeing says in a news release Sunday that the program will involve research and development and <u>investments</u> in production of fuels derived from plants that can power aircraft.

Etihad is based in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates. The other participants are Takreer, a subsidiary of Abu Dhabi National Oil Co., and the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology, located in Abu Dhabi.

Boeing says Etihad ran a 45-minute demonstration flight Saturday in a Boeing 777 partially powered by aviation biofuel produced in the UAE.

Boeing also has aviation biofuels programs with U.S. and other airlines.

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