ZenaTech Closes 27th Drone as a Service Acquisition, Expanding into Idaho for Drone Surveying and Civil Engineering

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, August 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ZenaTech, Inc. (Nasdaq: ZENA) (FSE: 49Q) (BMV: ZENA) ("ZenaTech"), a technology solution provider specializing in AI (Artificial Intelligence) drone, Drone as a Service (DaaS), enterprise SaaS, and Quantum Computing solutions, announces that it has completed the acquisition of Ketchum, Idaho-based Benchmark Partners LLC, doing business as Galena-Benchmark Engineering. The acquired company is a full-service professional civil engineering and land surveying firm with a long history of providing civil engineering, land planning, and land information systems services to an established roster of commercial and government customers. The acquisition marks ZenaTech's 27th Drone as a Service acquisition to date and its first location in Idaho.

ZenaTech has acquired Idaho-based Galena-Benchmark Engineering, expanding its Drone as a Service network to 27 acquisitions and establishing its first location in Idaho.

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"This acquisition expands our Drone as a Service footprint into Idaho, our 13th U.S. state, establishing a strong presence in a market supported by growing construction, agriculture, infrastructure and public sector demand," said Shaun Passley, Ph.D., CEO of ZenaTech. "With more than 30 years of trusted customer relationships and an established reputation across central and southern Idaho, Galena-Benchmark provides an ideal platform for our acquisition and expansion strategy. We see significant opportunities to broaden its service offerings through drone-enabled surveying, environmental monitoring, precision agriculture, forestry and wildfire management, and utility inspections, creating new recurring revenue opportunities while delivering greater efficiency and value to customers."

Galena-Benchmark Engineering is a full-service, multi-discipline firm with a 30-year background, providing professional services in civil engineering, land planning, surveying, and land information systems in multiple counties across central and southern Idaho. They serve a diversified customer base including municipal and government customers, construction companies, and builders supporting the area's rapid growth in the public works, tourism and agriculture sectors.

With the acquisition of Galena-Benchmark Engineering, ZenaTech plans to integrate AI-powered drone surveying, precision agriculture, utility inspections, and wildfire management services across Idaho.

The Company plans to offer drone-based land surveying and 3D construction monitoring through its ZenaWorx platform, and future precision agriculture, forestry and land management, utility inspections, wildfire mitigation and environmental monitoring. Management believes Idaho's growing economy and demand for technology-driven solutions will support recurring drone services that improve speed, efficiency, analytics, data and safety needs for customers across the state.

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ZenaTech's Drone as a Service platform provides business and government customers with on-demand and subscription-based drone services using its own ZenaDrone product platforms, for a host of surveying, inspections, maintenance, power washing, and precision agriculture solutions—eliminating the need for customers to own, operate and maintain commercial-grade drone fleets. Through the acquisition of established, profitable but under digitized service businesses, ZenaTech is building a scalable global DaaS network and AI autonomy platform, with recurring revenue and an existing customer base, while integrating advanced drone technologies to deliver greater speed, precision, safety, and data-driven insights. The Company continues to expand its geographic footprint, service offerings, and drone capabilities to drive long-term growth.

About ZenaTech

ZenaTech, Inc. (Nasdaq: ZENA) (FSE: 49Q) (BMV: ZENA) is a technology company that specializes in AI autonomy drone platforms to transform commercial, government, and defense sectors. Its subsidiaries include drone manufacturing through ZenaDrone, a global Drone as a Service (DaaS) business, and an enterprise SaaS division of software brands. The Company is executing an acquisition-led DaaS roll-up strategy to digitize and automate legacy service industries including land surveys and inspections, driving drone-based scalable, recurring revenue growth. With an operating footprint spanning North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, ZenaTech is advancing AI drones for agriculture and logistics, as well as ISR, cargo, and counter-UAS applications for U.S. defense and NATO allies. The company is investing in next-generation technologies, including drone swarms, quantum computing, and advanced AI autonomy to capture long-term opportunities in key markets through its R&D initiatives.

About ZenaDrone

ZenaDrone, a subsidiary of ZenaTech, develops and manufactures AI-powered multifunction autonomous drone solutions integrating machine learning, predictive analytics, and advanced computing technologies, for government, defense, and industrial applications. This includes multifunctional drones for surveying, inspections, logistics, security, and defense applications. Its product portfolio includes the ZenaDrone 1000 for ISR defense and specialized cargo, the IQ Nano for indoor inventory management and security, the IQ Square for outdoor inspections and maintenance, the IQ Quad for land surveying, and the IQ Aqua for underwater applications. ZenaDrone operates three global manufacturing facilities in Arizona, Dubai, and Taiwan, and is advancing counter-UAS maritime interceptor drones and an integrated defense system.

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