

## **Barzan Aeronautical announces next phase of development of new Johns Island, South Carolina facility**

*Company is building out a commercial facility to house UAS manufacturing, assembly, testing, training and service activity as well as an educational aviation campus to enable academic and commercial research, development, and knowledge transfer in advanced and cutting-edge technologies*

**Doha, Qatar - March XX, 2022** - Barzan Aeronautical (BA), an independent commercial company focused on the development, use and sale of aerial ISR systems that support the defense and security requirements of Qatar, the United States and NATO allies, has announced the beginning of the construction phase of its new dedicated aviation facility and campus on Johns Island, South Carolina, in the United States.

The announcement was made at the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX 2022) by Barzan Aeronautical about its plan to invest in the set-up of a new facility on Johns Island. The plans include a state-of-the-art and eco-conscious aviation campus which will incorporate cutting-edge production, assembly, education, and R&D facilities, as well as a Center of Excellence within the 132,000 sq. ft facility on the campus, which lies at the the Charleston Executive Airport facility on Johns Island.

To enable knowledge transfer and encourage collaboration in the exchange of ideas and experiences, the Center of Excellence will work closely with affiliated Universities and Colleges from the US, EU and Qatar to develop cutting edge advances in aviation and become a hub of key aeronautical engineering educational programs.

John Hardwick, CEO, Barzan Aeronautical, said: "We are pleased to announce the next phase of development of our Johns Island, South Carolina facility which will not only promote technological innovation but also create new jobs for the local community and utilize Charleston's strategic location as a home to some of the largest and most important aviation, engineering and manufacturing companies to grow our company and advance the defense and security objectives of Qatar and its allies."

At DIMDEX 2022, BA showcased its latest, state-of-the-art technologies and products to high-quality industry personnel to initiate significant programs and partnerships in defense and ISR capabilities.

Headquartered in Charleston, South Carolina in the United States, Barzan Aeronautical works tirelessly on behalf of its shareholder, Barzan Holdings, to promote and strengthen the close ties between the State of Qatar and the United States with a diverse and strategically important portfolio of commercial, educational, and cultural projects and programs that benefit Qatar, the US and NATO countries.

### **About Barzan Aeronautical**

Barzan Aeronautical operates as an independent commercial company focused on the application and use of aerial Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems that support the defense and security requirements of Qatar, the United States and its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies.

Barzan Aeronautical aims to invest in the people, capabilities, technologies and alliances of the United States. Based in Charleston, South Carolina, United States of America, the company works with the American and NATO governments and top US defense and aviation companies supporting the deployment of aerial ISR systems for defense, security and environmental use.

Barzan Aeronautical is always open for business, providing opportunities for US companies and institutions to collaborate on new projects and programs.

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