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Belcan Acquires The Kentah Group

Cincinnati, Ohio – January 5, 2017 – Belcan, LLC (“Belcan”), a global supplier of engineering, technical recruiting, and information technology (IT) services supporting the aerospace, industrial and government services markets, announced today that it has acquired The Kentah Group (“Kentah”). Terms of the transaction – which closed yesterday – were not disclosed. Belcan is a portfolio company of AE Industrial Partners, LLC (“AEI”), a private investor in aerospace, power generation, and specialty industrial companies.

Founded in 1987 and headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kentah provides its customers a complete suite of IT support services, from initial assessment of IT maturity and processes to fully deployed, enterprise-wide, managed IT services, software/application development, cybersecurity, and mobility support.

“The acquisition of Kentah greatly enhances our Government IT Services business, which has been rapidly growing since our purchase of Intercom Federal Systems five months ago,” said Lance Kwasniewski, Chief Executive Officer of Belcan. “Kentah’s deep domain knowledge and outstanding relationships will provide Belcan with increased capabilities to support our existing and new customers.”

“Belcan brings exciting growth opportunities and a breadth of IT and engineering resources to complement and expand Kentah’s capabilities,” said Steve Wade, Chief Executive Officer at Kentah. “Kentah will be a great fit within Belcan’s Government IT Services segment, and should benefit from the added software engineering and cyber security we will be able to offer our customers. We believe we will see immediate synergies from the combination of these two companies.”

“Kentah is the fourth acquisition Belcan has completed since AEI acquired the company 18 months ago,” said David H. Rowe, Managing Partner of AEI and Chairman of Belcan. “Each addition has greatly enhanced Belcan’s product and service offerings, while also extending our reach and presence in the marketplace, allowing us to continue to deliver excellent outcomes to our clients.”

Kirkland & Ellis LLP served as legal advisor and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP served as financial advisor to Belcan and AE Industrial Partners. Miles & Stockbridge P.C. served as legal advisor and Bluestone Capital Partners served as financial advisor to Kentah.

About Belcan

Belcan is a global supplier of engineering, technical recruiting, and IT services to customers in the aerospace, industrial, and government sectors. Belcan engineers better outcomes through adaptive and integrated services—from jet engines, airframe, and avionics to heavy vehicles, chemical processing, and cybersecurity, Belcan takes a partnering approach to provide customer-driven solutions that are flexible, scalable, and cost-effective. Belcan's unique capabilities have led to continuous growth and success for nearly 60 years. For more information, please visit www.belcan.com.

About The Kemtah Group

Based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, The Kemtah Group is a leading provider of IT infrastructure support services with deep domain knowledge of engineering and scientific environments, enabling them to deliver IT services to large, complex government and commercial entities. More information about The Kemtah Group can be found at www.kemtah.com.

About AE Industrial Partners, LLC

AE Industrial Partners, LLC is a leading private investment firm in the aerospace, power generation and specialty industrial sectors, focusing on highly technical manufacturing, distribution and supply chain management, MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) and industrial service-based businesses. AE Industrial's team includes partners with C-suite operating experience in organizations such as GE, Gulfstream Aerospace, Power Systems Manufacturing, Hawker Beechcraft, Landmark Aviation, Bombardier, IDEX, Aviall, B/E Aerospace, NetJets, and Grand Prairie. For more information, please visit www.aeroequity.com.

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