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## **AETOS BOLSTERS CREDENTIALS WITH NEW DRONE OPERATION CERTIFICATION**

**PRINCETON JUNCTION, N.J. – JANUARY, 2017** – MISTRAS Group, Inc. is proud to announce that AETOS, our Unmanned Systems Center of Excellence, was awarded a third-party certification for safe and effective unmanned aerial systems (UAS) operations.

The National Unmanned Aircraft Systems Credentialing Program (NUASCP) awarded the certification, which AETOS is only the 7<sup>th</sup> company to receive. NUASCP offers third-party vetting, separate from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval. This enables drone operators to differentiate themselves from industry competition by voluntarily enrolling in and completing a program to demonstrate their commitment to safe and effective drone operations. The process includes various tests and an operational audit of live-flight capabilities, including safety policies, procedures, and qualifications required by FAA guidelines.

Traditionally, drone operator vetting is done directly with oil & gas companies, through their in-house corporate flight departments. While that procedure will still be in place for many organizations, the NUASCP certification is a potential vetting alternative, and serves as an important differentiator over industry competitors without the credential.

“This certification is an important step for us as we look to continue to grow our business,” said Aaron Cook, Unmanned Systems COE Manager. “The credential reinforces to our existing clients and demonstrates to potential new clients that we are professionally-trained, safe drone operators.”

For more information, visit [www.aetosgroup.com](http://www.aetosgroup.com).

### **About MISTRAS Group, Inc.**

MISTRAS is a leading “one source” global provider of technology-enabled asset protection solutions used to evaluate the structural integrity of critical energy, industrial and public infrastructure. Mission critical services and solutions are delivered globally and provide customers with asset life extension, improved productivity and profitability, compliance with government safety and environmental regulations, and enhanced risk management operational decisions.

MISTRAS uniquely combines its industry-leading products and technologies - 24/7 on-line monitoring of critical assets; mechanical integrity (MI) and non-destructive testing (NDT) services; destructive testing (DT) services; process and fixed asset engineering and consulting services; and its world class enterprise inspection data management and analysis software (PCMS™) to provide comprehensive and competitive products, systems and services solutions from a single source provider.

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