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## **MIKE COFFMAN VISITS BIRDON/NAMJET FACILITY**

NAMJet, a Denver, Colorado based company that manufactures waterjets for marine vessels, is proud of the jobs they create in the area and strives to maintain good relationships with political delegates. As part of this relationship, NAMJet, and sister company Birdon, a ship builder, invited Colorado Congressman Mike Coffman to visit the facility on August 15th, 2017.

Congressman Coffman has always been a strong supporter both companies. “Even though we are located outside of his district, he’s always shown a strong interest in both Birdon and NAMJet,” said Jim Ducker, President of Birdon America. The staff prepared a short presentation for Coffman before he was lead on a tour of the facility. Coffman then made himself available for a short time of question and answer which the NAMJet and Birdon employees thoroughly enjoyed.

Coffman’s team posted on his Facebook page about the visit saying, “had a good visit today at Birdon/NAMJet. They are at the cutting edge of turbine technology and all of this happening right here in CO!” During the visit Coffman, a veteran of the Army and the Marine Corps, was most excited in the Amphibious Assault Vehicle (AAV) project. AAVs transport troops from ship to shore and NAMJet has been selected as the propulsion solution to refit the nearly 500 vehicles of the C7 variant. This will result in NAMJet manufacturing nearly 1000 jets over the next few years. The employees of NAMJet take great pride in the work they are doing for this project as many are also veterans.

Ducker went on to say “We have a number of former military employees. Having projects that support the Marines and Army personnel does a lot for the whole group.” Birdon America and NAMJet invite all Colorado Congressmen and Senators to visit their facility and see the jobs being created and work being done in Colorado.

### **About NAMJet**

NAMJet is a Denver, USA based marine waterjet propulsion company, setting new standards in thrust and durability and innovation for the marine propulsion market. NAMJet was acquired by Birdon America in 2011 and moved production to Denver in 2014.

### **About Birdon America**

Birdon America is the American branch of the Australian based company Birdon. Birdon America has a reputation with the Australian and US defense industries for providing quality marine vessel manufacturing, refurbishing and maintenance. The American branch is based in Denver, CO