

PRESS RELEASE

Fahari aviation scales up service offering with additional high-capacity drones for precision farming

- *14 additional drones will increase capacity to enhance precision farming, by up to 300 hectares per day up from 70 hectares per day.*

Nairobi, 19th September 2023 - Fahari Aviation, the Aviation technology subsidiary of Kenya Airways PLC, has expanded its agricultural services offering by increasing its drone capacity with 14 new high-capacity drones. The expansion of Fahari Aviation's agricultural services is in response to the growing demand for precision agriculture solutions such as: spraying and spreading of farm inputs aerial surveillance, crop monitoring, crop health surveillance and land inspection.

This strategic move enhances Fahari Aviation's position as a market leader in the use of drone technology for precision farming.

The additional 14 high-capacity drones provide Fahari Aviation with the capacity to cover larger areas, efficiently completing agricultural tasks of up to 300 hectares per day up from its previous capacity of up to 70 hectares per day.

"We are excited about the growth of our drone fleet and the potential this presents for the agriculture industry within the region. The adoption of precision farming through drone technology allows us to serve the evolving needs of farmers and agricultural producers." said Mr. Hawkins Musili, General Manager of Fahari Aviation. "We understand the importance of precision and efficiency in modern farming, and our enhanced capabilities will allow us to better serve our customers while promoting sustainable agricultural practices."

The additional drones will offer Fahari Aviation customers a wide range of functionalities, including spraying, spreading, seeding, and data collection on crop health and soil conditions. By integrating multispectral drones, precise variable spraying and spreading operations can be conducted based on farmland prescription maps. This technology is ideal for activities such as fertilizing, nutrient solutions spraying, and afforestation through the seeding of small seedballs.

According to [Fortune Business Insights](#), the global agriculture drone market is expected to grow by approximately 20% annually from \$4.98 billion in 2023 to \$18.22 billion by 2030



Fahari Aviation is responsible for launching and implementing future aviation technologies and is part of the airline's strategy of contributing to the sustainable development of Africa by championing new dimensions within the industry with the use of drones and unmanned aircraft. Since its inception, Fahari Aviation has had successful and high impact agriculture partnerships with various companies such as; Sasini and other players in the tea industry for spreading in tea farms, DWA Vipingo for sisal spraying, and crop health surveillance and several flower farms in Naivasha and Mount Kenya Region. Successful adoption of drone technology in the agriculture sector results in reduction of resource wastage, increased yields and better farm management.

As Fahari Aviation continues to expand, its commitment remains steadfast in offering innovative and sustainable solutions to help farmers increase yields, reduce costs, and protect the environment.

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About Fahari Aviation

Fahari Aviation LTD(FAV) is a fully owned subsidiary of Kenya Airways PLC group set up in 2020. The company envisions spearheading the effective application of Future Aviation Technologies such as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), across various sectors in Africa and beyond. FAV is a service provider specializing in implementing efficient and cost-effective UAS solutions for Training, Operations, Consultancy, Maintenance, and related services.

Fahari Aviation has a Remote Operations unit (ROC) certified by the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority that offers enterprise solutions in key service areas such as Agriculture, Surveillance, Infrastructure Inspections, Conservation, Power, Oil & Gas, Government Services, Emergency Response among others.

About Kenya Airways

Kenya Airways, a member of the Sky Team Alliance, is a leading African airline flying to 42 destinations worldwide, 35 of which are in Africa. In 2022 the World Travel Awards recognized KQ as Africa's Leading Airline, Africa's Leading Airline Brand, Africa's Leading Airline - Business Class, and Africa's Leading Inflight Magazine (Msafiri).



Its fleet comprises of wide body Boeing aircraft, this includes its flagship B787 Dreamliner and narrow body Embraer E190 aircraft. The on-board service is renowned and the lie-flat business class seat on the wide-body aircraft is consistently voted among the world's top 10. Kenya Airways takes pride in being at the forefront of connecting Africa to the World and the World to Africa through its hub at the new ultra-modern Terminal 1A at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

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