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# Astronics Awarded Emergency Lighting Contract for the Sikorsky CH-53K Helicopter

EAST AURORA, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a trusted leader in innovative, high performance lighting, electrical generation, control and distribution systems for the global aerospace industry, announced today that they have been selected by Sikorsky Aircraft, a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX), to design, develop and supply the Helicopter Emergency Exit Lighting (HEEL) system for Sikorsky's new CH-53K military heavy-lift helicopter, currently under development for the U.S. Marine Corps.

Sikorsky expects to deliver more than 156 helicopters, which will replace the CH-53E SUPER STALLION(TM) helicopters currently in use by the U.S. Marine Corps, Astronics is the market leader in HEEL systems with products on thousands of commercial and military helicopter platforms worldwide.

## ABOUT SIKORSKY AIRCRAFT CORP.

Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., based in Stratford, Conn., is a world leader in helicopter design, manufacture and service. United Technologies Corp., based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of high-technology products and support services to the aerospace and building systems industries.

## ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION

Astronics Corporation is a trusted leader in innovative, high performance lighting, electrical generation, control and distribution systems for the global aerospace industry. Its strategy is to expand the value and content it provides to various aircraft platforms through product development and acquisition. Astronics Corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp. and Luminescent Systems Inc., have a reputation for high quality designs, exceptional responsiveness, strong brand recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices.

For more information on Astronics and its products, visit its website at [www.Astronics.com](http://www.Astronics.com).

## Safe Harbor Statement

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statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include the state of the aerospace industry, the market acceptance of newly developed products, internal production capabilities, the timing of orders received, the status of customer certification processes, the demand for and market acceptance of new or existing aircraft which contain the Company's products, customer preferences, and other factors which are described in filings by Astronics with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking information in this press release whether to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes in future operating results, financial conditions or prospects, or otherwise.

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