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Astronics' Announces FAA Approval of Two New Exterior Lighting Products

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 today announced in conjunction with its participation in the National Business Aviation Association 60th Annual Meeting and Convention in Atlanta, Georgia this week, that it has received FAA Technical Standard Order (TSO) approval for two new light emitting diode-based (LED) exterior aircraft lighting assemblies.

The first of the company's two newest lighting assemblies is a state-of-the-art LED tail position light developed in response to aircraft manufacturers' demand for lighting solutions that offer dramatically longer life spans compared with conventional lighting products. This self-contained assembly is designed to drop-in and replace many of the lighting assemblies based on older technology currently in use, but is streamlined and advanced enough to be used on the newest class of business jet aircraft platforms now under development. The tail position light meets the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) requirements for position lighting.

The second lighting assembly is a revolutionary LED low-profile wingtip lighting assembly that incorporates full aircraft anti-collision and position functions. The unit is completely self-contained without the need for external power supplies. And since multiple lighting assemblies are now combined into one wingtip lighting assembly, the new lighting assembly also reduces the power, weight and drag on the aircraft while dramatically improving its operational life. The wingtip lighting assembly meets the FAA FAR requirements for position and anti-collision lighting.

Mr. Peter Gundermann, President and CEO of Astronics Corporation, commented, "Aircraft manufacturers rely on our engineering expertise to develop lighting solutions that effectively incorporate cutting-edge technology to increase useful product life while reducing system weight and power requirements. The tail position light and wingtip lighting assembly expand our already robust suite of aircraft lighting solutions that can be found on business, commercial and military aircraft around the world."

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.

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