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Astronics' Electronic Power Distribution System Selected for Bombardier's Learjet 85 Business Jet

EAST AURORA, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO) announced that its new generation COREPOWER^(R) Electronic Power Distribution System (EPDS) was selected for Bombardier's (TSX: BBD) new Learjet 85 business jet.

With the use of its Arc-Fault electronic circuit breaker technology, the Astronics COREPOWER^(R) EPDS allows for significant weight savings, increased flexibility and a higher level of aircraft wiring safety. Astronics EPDS complements the Learjet 85 business jet all-composite structure designed for type certification under US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) FAR Part 25.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astronics, commented, "We invest significant resources each year to develop innovative, technologically advanced products that meet the unique needs of our customers. Our EPDS is the first FAA-approved system of its kind. We believe its capabilities to improve safety and reduce aircraft weight and pilot workload will appeal to a broad range of business jet manufacturers."

The COREPOWER^(R) EPDS integrates seamlessly with the aircraft's avionics, reducing pilot workload with the automation of functions such as engine start-up and electrical load management. The EPDS also allows for the integration of other systems, such as windshield heat, reducing the cost and complexity of the aircraft. COREPOWER's EPDS electronic circuit breaker technology eliminates the need for circuit breaker panels, relays and switches and reduces the complexity of aircraft wiring, resulting in increased aircraft reliability and significantly reducing aircraft weight.

ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION

Astronics Corporation is a trusted leader in innovative, high performance lighting and power management systems for the global aerospace industry; automated diagnostic test systems, training and simulation devices for the defense industry; and safety and survival equipment for airlines. Astronics' strategy is to develop and maintain positions of technical leadership in its chosen aerospace and defense markets, and leverage those positions to grow at a rate greater than the industries it serves. Astronics Corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp. DME Corporation, and Luminescent Systems Inc., have a reputation for high quality designs, exceptional responsiveness, strong brand recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its website at www.Astronics.com.

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