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Astronics Corporation Receives FAA TSO on Two New State-of- the Art Position Lighting Assemblies

EAST AURORA, NY, October 19, 2009 – Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power management and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries, today announced in conjunction with its participation in the National Business Aviation Association 62nd Annual Meeting and Convention in Orlando, Florida, this week, that it has received FAA TSO for its 84015 series of LED Forward Position lighting assemblies.

The new lighting assemblies utilize high power LEDs in conjunction with advanced optics to produce luminance levels that exceed FAA requirements. Power consumption is dramatically reduced and dispatch reliability is significantly improved when compared with legacy incandescent lighting solutions. The lighting assemblies are designed to be drop-in replacements on existing aircraft or as line-fit equipment on the newest class of aircraft. These lighting assemblies can be found on the Embraer Phenom 300.

Mr. James S. Kramer, Executive Vice President of Astronics, commented, “These lighting assemblies are another example of Astronics’ engineering expertise in providing practical, cutting-edge lighting solutions for the aerospace market. These Forward Position light assemblies are a welcome addition to 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, 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, to leverage those positions to grow the amount of content and volume of product it sells to those markets and to selectively acquire businesses with similar technical capabilities that could benefit from our leadership position and strategic direction. Astronics Corporation, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, DME Corporation, 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. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its website at www.Astronics.com.

For more information on Astronics and its products, visit its website at www.Astronics.com.

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