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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astronics Corporation Awarded the Windshield Heat Controller for the HondaJet HA-420 Aircraft

EAST AURORA, NY, October 10, 2011 – Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries, today announced that it has been selected by Honda Aircraft Company Inc. to supply the Windshield Heat Controller for the HondaJet.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astronics, commented, "This is an important win for Astronics because it reinforces our success in providing innovative and highly-reliable power solutions and it extends our content and value in the business aircraft market."

The Windshield Heat Controller will provide ice and fog protection utilizing Astronics' extensive experience developing highly reliable and efficient power generating and conditioning products. The Windshield Heat Controller adds to the family of windshield temperature control products designed and built by Astronics.

ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION

Astronics Corporation is a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries. The Company's 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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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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