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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astronics Corporation Awarded Emergency Lighting Contract for the Airbus A350 XWB Program

EAST AURORA, NY, May 17, 2010 – Astronics Corporation (NASDAQ: ATRO), a leader in advanced, high performance lighting, electrical power and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries, announced today that its Luminescent Systems Inc. subsidiary has been selected by Diehl Aerospace to design, develop and supply the electrical emergency lighting and passenger information signs for the Airbus A350 XWB program, the newest twin-engine wide-body aircraft family from Airbus. Diehl Aerospace was selected by Airbus as the prime contractor to supply the entire cabin and cargo lighting package for the new A350 XWB family of aircraft.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and Chief Executive Officer of Astronics, commented, "We are very proud to take part in the A350 XWB program. This is a critical win for Astronics because it reinforces our success in providing innovative, light weight, highly-reliable lighting solutions and it extends our content and value on commercial transport aircraft."

The system will include ceiling emergency lights, emergency exit signs, seat and galley-mounted aisle floodlights, passenger information signs and exterior emergency lights. All of the products Astronics is supplying for the A350 XWB program will utilize light emitting diode (LED) technology to ensure maximum reliability while significantly reducing power consumption when compared with legacy solutions.

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 Web site at www.Astronics.com.

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