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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astronics Partners with Hawker Beechcraft Corporation to Provide Next Generation LED Exterior Lighting for Piston Aircraft Fleet

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, announced today that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Luminescent Systems Inc., has teamed with Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) to provide new light emitting diode (LED) exterior lighting for HBC's family of piston aircraft.

Astronics is offering a complete suite of products for the Beechcraft Baron and Bonanza including anti-collision, navigation, ice detection, taxi/landing and beacon lights that offer an unprecedented combination of performance, safety, and reliability. HBC intends to offer these lights on new production aircraft as well as in retrofit kits for existing aircraft.

Astronics' LED lighting solution replaces the existing filament based system with a high reliability solution, dramatically reducing maintenance costs and power consumption. James S. Kramer, Executive Vice President, commented, "Hawker Beechcraft challenged us to provide an unparalleled solution to upgrade their entire piston fleet, and we rose to the challenge in providing a best in class solution."

ABOUT HAWKER BEECHCRAFT CORPORATION

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is a world-leading manufacturer of business, special mission, light attack and trainer aircraft – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company's headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; Chester, England, U.K.; and Chihuahua, Mexico. The company leads the industry with a global network of more than 100 factory-owned and authorized service centers. For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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. 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, Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp., DME Corporation and

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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.

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

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release contains forward-looking statements as defined by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. One can identify these forward-looking statements by the use of the words "expect," "anticipate," "plan," "may," "will," "estimate" or other similar expressions. Because such statements apply to future events, they are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include the state of the aerospace and defense industries, the market acceptance of newly developed products, internal production capabilities, the timing of orders received, the status of customer certification processes, the demand for and market acceptance of new or existing aircraft which contain the Company's products, 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 news 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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