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**b** Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the quarterly period ended July 3, 2010 or

• Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

# Commission File Number 0-7087 ASTRONICS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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130 Commerce Way, East Aurora, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

(716) 805-1599

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

## NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

# \$.01 par value Common Stock, \$.01 par value Class B Stock

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes þ No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Section 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes o No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer filer. See definition of large accelerated filer , an accelerated filer , a non-accelerated filer and a smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated	Accelerated	Non-accelerated filer o	Smaller reporting
filer o	filer þ	(Do not check if a smaller reporting	company o
		company)	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No b

As of July 3, 2010, 10,807,519 shares of common stock were outstanding consisting of 8,598,163 shares of common stock (\$.01 par value) and 2,209,356 shares of Class B common stock (\$.01 par value).

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# PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements

# ASTRONICS CORPORATION

**Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets** 

July 3, 2010 with Comparative Figures for December 31, 2009

(dollars in thousands except per share amounts)

	July 3, 2010 naudited)	Dec	cember 31, 2009
Current Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts Inventories Other Current Assets	\$ 16,412 28,128 32,501 6,584	\$	14,949 30,560 31,909 5,075
Total Current Assets	83,625		82,493
Property, Plant and Equipment net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$25,745 and \$23,859, respectively	30,813		31,243
Deferred Income Taxes Other Assets Intangible Assets, net of accumulated amortization Goodwill	7,368 3,647 5,315 7,472		8,131 3,763 5,591 7,493
Total Assets	\$ 138,240	\$	138,714
Current Liabilities: Current Maturities of Long-term Debt Accounts Payable Accrued Expenses Accrued Income Taxes Billings in Excess of Recoverable Costs and Accrued Profits on Uncompleted Contracts Customer Advance Payments and Deferred Revenue Total Current Liabilities Long-term Debt Other Liabilities Total Liabilities	\$ 5,239 8,860 10,105 1,588 1,794 27,586 35,015 9,234 71,835	\$	6,238 7,405 8,620 242 2,179 4,952 29,636 38,538 10,427 78,601
Shareholders Equity: Common Stock, \$.01 par value Authorized 20,000,000 Shares, issued 8,776,601 in 2010 and 8,684,088 in 2009 Table of Contents	88		87

Convertible Class B Stock, \$.01 par value Authorized 5,000,000 Shares,					
issued 2,511,231 in 2010 and 2,571,245 in 2009		25		26	
Additional Paid-in Capital		12,941		12,340	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss		(297)		(158)	
Retained Earnings		55,929		50,099	
		68,686		62,394	
Less Treasury Stock: 480,313 shares in both 2010 and 2009		2,281		2,281	
		(( 105		(0.112	
Total Shareholders Equity		66,405		60,113	
Total Liabilities and Shareholders Equity	\$	138,240	\$	138,714	
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See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements					

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## ASTRONICS CORPORATION Consolidated Condensed Statements of Operations and Retained Earnings Six Months and Three Months Ended July 3, 2010

With Comparative Figures for 2009

(Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands except per share data)

	Six Months Ended				Three Months Ended			
		July 3,July 4,20102009		•	July 3, 2010		•	July 4, 2009
Sales	\$	94,025	\$	97,039	\$	47,089	\$	47,024
Costs and Expenses:								
Cost of products sold		71,794		79,785		36,404		38,300
Gross Profit		22,231		17,254		10,685		8,724
Selling, general and administrative expenses		11,529		12,509		6,063		6,444
Income from operations Interest expense, net of interest income of \$17 and \$5 in 2010 and \$ and \$ in 2009 for the six and		10,702		4,745		4,622		2,280
three months ended, respectively		1,321		900		722		476
Other expense (income)		(25)		(913)		13		(900)
Income Before Income Taxes		9,406		4,758		3,887		2,704
Provision for Income Taxes		3,576		1,401		1,457		748
Net Income		5,830		3,357	\$	2,430	\$	1,956
Retained Earnings:								
Beginning of period		50,099		53,901				
End of period	\$	55,929	\$	57,258				
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.54	\$	0.31	\$	0.22	\$	0.18
Diluted	\$	0.52	\$	0.31	\$	0.22	\$	0.18
Average Common Shares Outstanding: Basic		10,801		10,692		10,806		10,775
Diluted		11,127		10,899		11,289		11,030
Diluted		11,127		10,899		11,289		11,030

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

# ASTRONICS CORPORATION Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows Six Months Ended July 3, 2010 with Comparative Figures for 2009

(Unaudited)

(dollars in thousands)

		July 3, 2010		uly 4, 2009
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	<b>A</b>	5 0 2 0	<b>^</b>	2 2 5 7
Net Income	\$	5,830	\$	3,357
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash Provided by Operating				
Activities:		0.460		2 (05
Depreciation and Amortization		2,463		3,695
Provision for Non-Cash Losses on Inventory and Receivables		687		543
Stock Compensation Expense		454		390
Deferred Tax Expense		1,203		48
Fair Value Adjustment To Contingent Note Payable				(900)
Other		(34)		(89)
Cash Flows from Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:				
Accounts Receivable		2,395		2,604
Inventories		(1,289)		6,037
Accounts Payable		1,460		(5,544)
Other Current Assets and Liabilities		(880)		(752)
Billings in Excess of Recoverable Costs and Accrued Profits on Uncompleted				
Contracts		(591)		831
Customer Advanced Payments and Deferred Revenue		(3,158)		(1,335)
Income Taxes		(833)		271
Supplemental Retirement and Other Liabilities		(247)		320
Cash Provided by Operating Activities		7,460		9,476
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Acquisition of Business				(40,655)
Capital Expenditures		(1,486)		(1,551)
Other		(142)		(3)
Cash Used For Investing Activities		(1,628)		(42,209)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		(4 515)		25 405
Net (Payments) Proceeds Long-term Debt		(4,515)		35,495
Debt Acquisition Costs Other		147		(1,357) 31
Cash (Used For) Provided By Financing Activities		(4,368)		34,169

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Effect of Exchange Rates on Cash	(1)	2
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,463	1,438
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period	14,949	3,038
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 16,412	\$ 4,476
See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.		

# ASTRONICS CORPORATION Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements July 3, 2010 (Unaudited)

# 1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included.

# **Operating Results**

The results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. Operating results for the six and three month periods ended July 3, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2010.

The balance sheet at December 31, 2009 has been derived from the audited financial statements at that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

For further information, refer to the financial statements and footnotes thereto included in Astronics Corporation s 2009 annual report on Form 10-K.

# Description of the Business

Astronics is a leading supplier of advanced, high-performance lighting systems, electrical power generation systems, aircraft safety systems, electronics systems for the global aerospace industry as well as test, training and simulation systems primarily for the military. We sell our products to airframe manufacturers (OEM s) in the commercial transport, business jet, military markets, FAA/Airport, OEM suppliers, and aircraft operators around the world. The Company has two reportable segments, Aerospace and Test Systems. The Aerospace segment designs and manufactures products for the global aerospace industry. The Test Systems segment designs, develops, manufactures and maintains communications and weapons test systems and training and simulation devices for military applications.

# Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. Acquisitions are accounted for under the purchase method and, accordingly, the operating results for the acquired companies are included in the consolidated statements of earnings from the respective dates of acquisition.

# **Revenue and Expense Recognition**

In the Aerospace segment, revenue is recognized on the accrual basis at the time of shipment of goods and transfer of title. There are no significant contracts allowing for right of return.

In the Test Systems segment, revenue is recognized from long-term, fixed-price contracts using the percentage-of-completion method of accounting, measured by multiplying the estimated total contract value by the ratio of actual contract costs incurred to date to the estimated total contract costs. Substantially all long-term contracts are with U.S. government agencies and contractors thereto. The Company makes significant estimates involving its usage of percentage-of-completion accounting to recognize contract revenues. The Company periodically reviews contracts in process for estimates-to-completion, and revises estimated gross profit accordingly. While the Company believes its estimated gross profit on contracts in process is reasonable, unforeseen events and changes in circumstances can take place in a subsequent accounting period that may cause the Company to revise its estimated gross profit on one or more of its contracts in process. Accordingly, the ultimate gross profit realized upon completion of such contracts can vary significantly from estimated amounts between accounting periods.

Cost of products sold includes the costs to manufacture products such as direct materials and labor and manufacturing overhead as well as all engineering and developmental costs. Shipping and handling costs are expensed as incurred and are included in costs of products sold. The Company is engaged in a variety of engineering and design activities

as well as basic research and development activities directed to the substantial improvement or new application of the Company s existing technologies. These costs are expensed when incurred and included in cost of sales. Research and development, design and related engineering amounted to approximately \$7.1 million and \$6.4 million for the three months and \$14.2 million and \$13.8 million for the six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009, respectively.

Selling, general and administrative expenses include costs primarily related to our sales and marketing departments and administrative departments.

# <u>Fair Value</u>

ASC Topic 820, *Fair value Measurements and Disclosures*, (ASC Topic 820) defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands the related disclosure requirements. This statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements. The statement indicates, among other things, that a fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. ASC Topic 820 defines fair value based upon an exit price model.

ASC Topic 820 establishes a valuation hierarchy for disclosure of the inputs to valuation used to measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

<u>Level 2</u> inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets or inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly through market corroboration, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on our own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value.

A financial asset or liability s classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following table provides the financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value measured on a recurring basis as of July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009:

(in thousands)	Asset	Liał	oility	Level 1	Le	vel 2	Level 3
Interest rate swaps July 3, 2010 December 31, 2009	\$	\$	(586) (373)	\$	\$	(586) (373)	\$

Interest rate swaps are securities with no quoted readily available Level 1 inputs, and therefore are measured at fair value using inputs that are directly observable in active markets and are classified within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy, using the income approach.

In accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 350 Intangibles Goodwill and Other the Company estimates the fair value of reporting units, utilizing unobservable Level 3 inputs. Level 3 inputs require significant management judgment due to the absence of quoted market prices or observable inputs for assets of a similar nature.

At December 31, 2009, the fair value of goodwill and intangible assets classified using Level 3 inputs were as follows: The fair value measurement of goodwill in the Test Systems reporting unit is \$2.4 million. Inputs used to calculate the fair value were a combination of revenue growth rates and profit margins based on internal forecasts, terminal value, and weighted-average cost of capital used to discount future cash flows. There was no change in fair value from December 31, 2009.

The fair value measurement of indefinite-lived trade name intangible assets in the Test Systems reporting unit is \$0.5 million. Inputs used to calculate the fair value were internal forecasts used to estimate discounted future cash flows. There was no change in fair value from December 31, 2009.

The fair value measurement of amortized intangible assets in the Test Systems reporting unit is \$3.5 million. Inputs used to calculate the fair value were internal forecasts used to estimate discounted future cash flows. There was no change in fair value from December 31, 2009

As of July 3, 2010, the Company concluded that no indicators of goodwill impairment existed and an interim test was not performed.

# **Financial Instruments**

The Company s financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, notes payable, long-term debt and interest rate swaps. The Company performs periodic credit evaluations of its customers financial condition and generally does not require collateral and the Company does not hold or issue financial instruments for trading purposes. Due to their short-term nature the carrying value of cash and equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and notes payable approximate fair value. The carrying value of the Company s variable rate long-term debt also approximates fair value due to the variable rate feature of these instruments as well as the lack of changes in the Company s credit history. The carrying value of the subordinated promissory note approximates its fair value based on management s estimation that a current interest rate would not differ materially from the stated rate. The Company s interest rate swaps are recorded at fair value as described under Fair Value. *Derivatives* 

The Company records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value with the related gains or losses deferred in shareholders equity as a component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (AOCI) and any ineffectiveness is recorded to the income statement. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use and resulting designation. The Company s use of derivative instruments was limited to a cash flow hedge for interest rate risk associated with long-term debt. Interest rate swaps are used to adjust the proportion of total debt that is subject to variable and fixed interest rates. The interest rate swaps are designated as hedges of the amount of future cash flows related to interest payments on variable-rate debt that, in combination with the interest payments on the debt, convert a portion of the variable-rate debt to fixed-rate debt. At July 3, 2010, we had interest rate swaps consisting of the following:

- a) An interest rate swap with a notional amount of approximately \$2.9 million, entered into on February 2006, related to the Company s Series 1999 New York Industrial Revenue Bond which effectively fixes the rate at 3.99% plus a spread based on the Company s leverage ratio on this obligation through 2016.
- b) An interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$14.0 million. The swap effectively fixes the LIBOR rate at 2.115% on the notional amount (which decreases in concert with the scheduled note repayment schedule). The swap agreement became effective October 1, 2009 and expires January 30, 2014.

To the extent the interest rate swaps are not perfectly effective in offsetting the change in the value of the payments being hedged; the ineffective portion of these contracts is recognized in earnings immediately. All of the Company s cash flow hedges are considered to be highly effective. Amounts to be reclassified to income through the remainder of 2010 are not expected to be significant.

# Long-term Debt and Notes Payable

The Company's Credit Agreement provides for a five-year, \$40 million senior secured term loan with interest at LIBOR plus between 2.25% and 3.50%. The proceeds of the term loan were used to finance the DME acquisition. The Credit Agreement also provided for a revolving credit line of \$35 million for working capital requirements and is committed for three years through January 2012, with interest at LIBOR plus between 2.25% and 3.50%. The Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement are jointly and severally guaranteed by Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp., Luminescent Systems, Inc. and DME Corporation, each a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary of the Company. The obligations are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the Company's and the guarantors' assets and 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interest of each subsidiary. The Company had no balance outstanding on its revolving credit facility at July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The revolving credit facility provides for borrowing up to \$35.0 million. For working capital requirements, the Company had available on its credit facility, \$35.0 million and \$15.5 million at July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. The credit facility allocates up to \$20 million of the revolving credit line for the issuance of letters of credit, including certain existing letters of credit totaling approximately \$13.1 million at July 3, 2010.

# Foreign Currency Translation

The Company accounts for its foreign currency translation in accordance with ASC Topic 830, *Foreign Currency Translation*. The aggregate transaction gain or loss included in determining net income was insignificant for the periods ending July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009.

## Income Taxes

The FASB issued ASC Topic 740-10 *Overall Uncertainty in Income Taxes* (ASC Topic 740-10) which clarifies the accounting and disclosure for uncertainty in tax positions, as defined. ASC Topic 740-10 seeks to reduce the diversity in practice associated with certain aspects of the recognition and measurement related to accounting for income taxes. The Company is subject to the provisions of ASC Topic 740-10 and has analyzed filing positions in all of the federal and state jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as all open tax years in these jurisdictions. Should the Company need to accrue a liability for unrecognized tax benefits, any interest associated with that liability will be recorded as interest expense. Penalties, if any, would be recognized as operating expenses. There are no penalties or interest liability accrued as of July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009. The years under which we conducted our evaluation coincided with the tax years currently still subject to examination by major federal and state tax jurisdictions, those being 2006 through 2010.

# Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2010

On January 1, 2010, the Company adopted the new provisions of ASU No. 2010-06, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures (Topic 820), Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements* (ASU No. 2010-06). ASU No. 2010-06 provides revised guidance on improving disclosures about valuation techniques and inputs to fair value measurements. The impact on the Company s disclosures was not significant.

### 2) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined in accordance with the first-in, first-out method. Inventories are as follows:

(in thousands)	July 3, 2010			
Finished Goods Work in Progress Raw Material	\$ 5,817 6,256 20,428	\$	6,075 3,275 22,559	
	\$ 32,501	\$	31,909	

The Company records valuation reserves to provide for excess, slow moving or obsolete inventory or to reduce inventory to the lower of cost or market value. In determining the appropriate reserve, the Company considers the age of inventory on hand, the overall inventory levels in relation to forecasted demands as well as reserving for specifically identified inventory that the Company believes is no longer salable.

### 3) Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for 2010:

(in thousands)	mber 31, 2009	Cur	reign rency slation	uly 3, 2010
Aerospace Test Systems	\$ 5,093 2,400	\$	(21)	\$ 5,072 2,400
Total	\$ 7,493	\$	(21)	\$ 7,472

The following table summarizes acquired intangible assets as follows:

		July 3, 2010					December 31, 2009			
		(	Gross			(	Gross	5		
	Weighted	Ca	rrying	Αссι	umulated	Ca	arrying	Accu	umulated	
(in thousands)	Average Life	Aı	mount	Amo	ortization	A	mount	Amo	ortization	
Patents	12 Years	\$	1,271	\$	537	\$	1,271	\$	487	
Trade Names	N/A		1,053				1,053			
Completed and Unpatented	10 - 15 Years		3,177		845		3,177		718	
Technology										
Government Contracts	6 Years		347		313		347		284	
Backlog and Customer	3 - 20 Years		3,385		2,223		3,385		2,153	
Relationships										
Total Intangible Assets		\$	9,233	\$	3,918	\$	9,233	\$	3,642	

All acquired intangible assets other than goodwill and trade names are being amortized. Amortization expense was approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million for the three months and \$0.3 million and \$1.4 million for the six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009, respectively. Amortization expense for each of the next five years is estimated to be approximately \$0.3 million for the balance of 2010 and \$0.4 million for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

## 4) Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The components of comprehensive income are as follows:

(in thousands)	Six Months EndedJuly 3,July 4,20102009		Three Months July 3, 2010		hs Ended July 4, 2009	
Net income	\$	5,830	\$ 3,357	\$ 2,430	\$	1,956
Other comprehensive income: Foreign currency translation adjustments Accumulated Retirement Liability Adjustment net of tax of \$25 and \$12 in 2010 and \$33 and \$16 in 2009 for the six and three months ended,		(47)	164	(261)		107
respectively. Loss on derivatives, net of tax of \$75 and \$44 in		47	61	24		31
2010 and \$29 and \$43 in 2009 for the six and three months ended, respectively.		(139)	57	(78)		82
Comprehensive income	\$	5,691	\$ 3,639	\$ 2,115	\$	2,176

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is as follows:

(in thousands)	July 3, 2010			December 31, 2009		
Accumulated foreign currency translation	\$	1,058	\$	1,105		
Accumulated loss on derivative adjustment		(381)		(242)		
Accumulated retirement liability adjustment		(974)		(1,021)		

Accumulated other comprehensive income

### 5) Supplemental Retirement Plan and Related Post Retirement Benefits

The Company has a non-qualified supplemental retirement defined benefit plan for certain executives. The following table sets forth information regarding the net periodic pension cost for the plan.

	Six Months Ended					Three Months Ended			
	July 3,		July 4,		July 3,		July 4,		
(in thousands)	2	010	2	.009	2	010	2	.009	
Service cost	\$	20	\$	26	\$	10	\$	13	
Interest cost		164		183		82		92	
Amortization of prior service cost		54		54		27		27	
Amortization of net actuarial losses				16				8	
Net periodic cost	\$	238	\$	279	\$	119	\$	140	

Participants in the non-qualified supplemental retirement plan are entitled to paid medical, dental and long-term care insurance benefits upon retirement under the plan. The following table sets forth information regarding the net periodic cost recognized for those benefits:

	Six Months Ended					Three Months Ended			
(in thousands)		y 3, 010		y 4, 009		ly 3, 010		ıly 4, 2009	
Service cost	\$	2	\$	4	\$	1	\$	2	
Interest cost		26		25		13		12	
Amortization of prior service cost		12		16		6		8	
Amortization of net actuarial losses		6		6		3		3	
Net periodic cost	\$	46	\$	51	\$	23	\$	25	

# 6) Sales to Major Customers

The Company has a significant concentration of business with two customers.

Sales to Panasonic Avionics Corporation amounted to approximately 24.9% and 19.3% for the three months and 27.7% and 18.7% for the six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009, respectively. Accounts receivable from this customer amounted to \$5.1 and \$3.9 million as of July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Sales to the United States Government amounted to approximately 14.4% and 17.8% for the three months and 13.0% and 17.9% for the six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009, respectively. Accounts receivable from this customer amounted to \$3.3 and \$4.8 million as of July 3, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

### 7) Product Warranties

In the ordinary course of business, the Company warrants its products against defects in design, materials and workmanship typically over periods ranging from twelve to sixty months. The Company determines warranty reserves needed by product line based on experience and current facts and circumstances. Activity in the warranty accrual is summarized as follows:

	Six Months Ended					Three Mor	ths En	ths Ended	
		ly 3,		ıly 4,		uly 3,		ly 4,	
(in thousands)	2	010	2009		2010		2009		
Balance at beginning of period	\$	3,147	\$	1,212	\$	2,445	\$	1204	

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Warranties issued Warranties settled Reassessed warranty exposure		938 (769) (613)	697 (649)	721 (463)	677 (621)
Balance at end of period	\$	2,703	\$ 1,260	\$ 2,703	\$ 1,260
	1	1			

### 8) Segment Information

Below are the sales and operating profit by segment for the three months and six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009 and a reconciliation of segment operating profit to earnings before income taxes. Operating profit is the net sales less cost of sales and other operating expenses excluding interest and other expenses and corporate expenses. Cost of sales and other operating expenses are directly identifiable to the respective segment.

		Six Month	s En	ded	Three Months Ended				
(in thousands)		July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009		July 3, 2010			July 4, 2009	
Sales									
Aerospace	\$	86,789	\$	80,034	\$	43,599	\$	38,216	
Test Systems		7,236		17,005		3,490		8,808	
Sales	\$	94,025	\$	97,039	\$	47,089	\$	47,024	
Operating Profit and Margins									
Aerospace	\$	13,495	\$	7,095	\$	6,753	\$	3,700	
		15.5%		8.9%		15.5%		9.7%	
Test Systems		(806)		(53)		(993)		(251)	
		(11.1)%		(0.3)%		(28.5)%		(2.8)%	
Total Operating Profit		12,689		7,042		5,760		3,449	
Deductions from Operating Profit									
Interest Expense		1,321		900		722		476	
Corporate Expenses and Other*		1,962		1,384		1,151		269	
Income Before Income Taxes	\$	9,406	\$	4,758	\$	3,887	\$	2,704	

 2009 includes
\$0.9 million in other income for a fair market value adjustment in the second quarter, on a contingent
\$2.0 million subordinated promissory note.

July 3,	December 31,
2010	2009

# (in thousands)

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Aerospace Test Systems Corporate	\$ 92,419 14,164 31,657	\$ 92,472 16,073 30,169
Total Assets	\$ 138,240	\$ 138,714

# 9) Earnings Per Share

Basic and diluted weighted-average shares outstanding are as follows:

	Six Month	s Ended	Three Mont	hs Ended
(in thousands)	July 3,	July 4,	July 3,	July 4,
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Basic earnings per share weighted average shares	10,801	10,692	10,806	10,775
Net effect of dilutive stock options	326	207	483	255
Diluted earnings per share weighted average shares	11,127	10,899	11,289	11,030

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### 10) Income Taxes

The effective tax rate was approximately 37.4% and 27.7% for the three months and 38.0% and 29.5% for the six months ended July 3, 2010 and July 4, 2009, respectively. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2010 was impacted primarily by higher state and foreign taxes. The effective tax rate for the first half of 2010 was impacted primarily by higher state and foreign taxes as well as an increase in the reserve against R&D tax credits in the amount of \$0.1 million.

The lower effective rate in 2009 was due primarily to foreign earnings taxed at rates lower than the federal statutory rate for the three and six months ended July 4, 2009 and we recorded a tax benefit of \$0.2 million in the second quarter of 2009 consisting of a \$0.4 million benefit net of a \$0.2 million reserve, reflecting the utilization of available research and development tax credits.

### 11) Acquisition

On January 30, 2009, the Company acquired 100% of the common stock of DME Corporation (DME). DME is a designer and manufacturer of military test training and simulation equipment and aviation safety products. The following summary, prepared on a pro forma basis, combines the consolidated results of operations of the Company with those of the acquired business as if the acquisition took place on January 1, 2009. The pro forma consolidated results include the impact of certain adjustments, including increased interest expense on acquisition debt, amortization of purchased intangible assets and income taxes.

		Six Mont	nded		Three Mor	nths E	Ended	
		July 4,		July 4,		July 4,		July 4,
	2009 as 2009 as		2009 as		2009 as			
(in thousands, except earnings per share)	R	eported	P	ro Forma			Pro Forma	
Sales	\$	97,039	\$	101,788	\$	47,024	\$	47,024
Net Income		3,357		3,388		1,956		1,956
Basic earnings per share		0.31		0.32		0.18		0.18
Diluted earnings per share		0.31		0.31		0.18		0.18

The pro forma results are not necessarily indicative of what actually would have occurred if the acquisition had been in effect for the three months and six months ended July 4, 2009. The pro forma results are not intended to be a projection of future results.

# Item 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(The following should be read in conjunction with Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in the Company s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.) **OVERVIEW** 

Astronics Corporation, through its subsidiaries Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp., Luminescent Systems Inc., Luminescent Systems Canada Inc. and DME Corporation designs and manufactures electrical power generation systems, control and distribution systems, lighting systems and components, aircraft safety products and test, training and simulation systems. The Company operates in two distinct segments, Aerospace and Test Systems and has six principal facilities located in New York State, Washington State, New Hampshire, two in Florida and one in Quebec, Canada.

Our Aerospace segment serves four primary markets. They are the military, commercial transport, business jet and FAA/airport markets. We serve one primary market in the Test Systems segment, which is the military. Our strategy is to develop and maintain positions of technical leadership in chosen aerospace and test system markets, to leverage those positions to grow the amount of content and volume of product it sells to the markets in those segments and to selectively acquire businesses with similar technical capabilities that could benefit from our leadership position and strategic direction.

Key factors affecting our growth and profitability are the rate at which new aircraft are produced, government funding of military programs, our ability to have our products designed into the plans for new aircraft and the rates at which aircraft owners, including commercial airlines, refurbish or install upgrades to their aircraft. Once designed into a new aircraft, the spare parts business is frequently retained by the Company. Each of the markets that we serve is presenting opportunities for our product lines that we expect will provide growth for the Company over the long-term. We continue to look for opportunities in all of our markets to capitalize on our core competencies to expand our existing business and to grow through strategic acquisitions.

# CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND OUTLOOK

		Six Month	ıs En	ded	Three Months Ended			
(in thousands)	•	July 3, 2010	July 4, 2009		July 3, 2010		•	July 4, 2009
Sales	\$	94,025	\$	97,039	\$	47,089	\$	47,024
Gross Margin		23.6%		17.8%		22.7%		18.6%
SG&A Expenses as a Percentage of Sales		12.3%		12.9%		12.9%		13.7%
Other Expenses (Income) as a Percentage of								
Sales		0.0%		(0.9)%		0.0%		(1.9)%
Interest Expense	\$	1,321	\$	900	\$	722	\$	476
Effective Tax Rate		38.0%		29.4%		37.4%		27.7%
Net Earnings	\$	5,830	\$	3,357	\$	2,430	\$	1,956
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Our consolidated sales for the second quarter of 2010 remained relatively flat at \$47.1 million compared to \$47.0 million for the same period last year. Aerospace sales increased by \$5.4 million while Test Systems sales decreased by \$5.3 million.

Year to date consolidated sales for 2010 decreased by \$3.0 million to \$94.0 million compared to \$97.0 million for the same period last year. Aerospace sales increased by \$6.8 million while Test Systems sales decreased by \$9.8 million. Revenue in 2009 includes only five months of revenue from DME, which was acquired on January 30, 2009. Consolidated gross margins improved from approximately 18.6% in the second quarter of 2009 to approximately 22.7% in the second quarter of 2010. Year to date consolidated gross margins improved from approximately 17.8% in the first half of 2009 to approximately 23.6% in the first half of 2010. The improved margins were a result of improved margins as leverage was achieved from increased sales volumes in the Aerospace segment as well as reductions to our cost structure and a favorable sales mix for both the second quarter and year to date as compared

with last year.

Selling, general and administrative and other (SG&A) expenses were approximately \$6.1 million, or 12.9% of sales in the second quarter of 2010, when compared to \$6.4 million, or 13.7% of sales in the same period last year. The second quarter of 2009 includes higher amortization costs relating to the acquired DME intangible assets of approximately \$0.7 million. The reduced amortization expense was offset by an increase in selling costs.

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Selling, general and administrative and other expenses were approximately \$11.5 million, or 12.3% of sales in the first half of 2010, when compared to \$12.5 million, or 12.9% of sales in the same period last year. The first half of 2009 includes higher amortization costs relating to the acquired DME intangible assets of \$1.1 million.

Our 2009 second quarter and 2009 year to date other (income) expense includes \$0.9 million for income relating to a fair market value adjustment to the contingent \$2.0 million subordinated note payable. This adjustment reduced the carrying value of the note to its estimated fair market value as of the end of the second quarter of 2009. The estimated fair value is based on our estimate at the end of the second quarter of the probability that DME will meet the revenue performance criteria required by the note. This adjustment to the estimate, net of tax increased net income by \$0.6 million or \$0.05 per diluted earnings per share for both the three months and six months ended July 4, 2009. Net interest expense for the second quarter increased by \$0.2 million from \$0.5 million to \$0.7 million, due primarily to higher effective interest rates offset by reduced debt levels when compared with the same period last year. Year to date 2010 net interest expense increased by \$0.4 million from \$0.9 million to \$1.3 million, due to higher effective interest rates offset by reduced with the same period last year.

The effective tax rate was approximately 37.4% and 27.7% for the second quarter of 2010 and 2009 respectively. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of 2010 was impacted primarily by higher state and foreign taxes and lower research and development tax credits. The effective tax rate was approximately 38.0% for the first half of 2010 and 29.4% for the first half of 2009. The increase in the year to date effective rate is due primarily to higher state and foreign taxes as well as a decrease in research and development tax credits.

Net income for the second quarter of 2010 was \$2.4 million or \$0.22 per diluted share, an increase of \$0.4 million from \$2.0 million, or \$0.18 per diluted share in the second quarter of 2009. Net income for the first half of 2010 was \$5.8 million or \$0.52 per diluted share, an increase of \$2.4 million from \$3.4 million, or \$0.31 per diluted share in the first half of 2009. The earnings per share increase in 2010 compared to 2009 is due to the increase in net income. **SEGMENT RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND OUTLOOK** 

Operating profit, as presented below, is sales less cost of sales and other operating expenses, excluding interest expense and other corporate expenses. Cost of sales and other operating expenses are directly identifiable to the respective segment. Operating profit is reconciled to earnings before income taxes in Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements included in this report. *AEROSPACE* 

	Six Months Ended					onths Ended		
(in thousands)		uly 3, 2010		July 4, 2009		uly 3, 2010		July 4, 2009
Sales	\$	86,789	\$	80,034	\$	43,599	\$	38,216
Operating profit	\$	13,495	\$	7,095	\$	6,753	\$	3,700
Operating Margin		15.5%		8.9%		15.5%	2	9.7%
					July 3	,	Dec 3	1,
					2010	1	2009	
Total Assets				\$	92,	419 \$	92,	472
Backlog				\$	85,	744 \$	75,	639
<u>Aerospace Sales by Market</u>								
	Six Months Ended					Ended		
		July 3,		July 4,		July 3,		July 4,
(in thousands)		2010		2009		2010		2009
Commercial Transport	S	\$ 52,336	5	\$ 44,393	\$	24,891	\$	21,387
Military		17,918		20,341		9,521		9,855

Business Jet FAA/Airport	11,971 4,564	11,916 3,384	6,379 2,808	5,394 1,580
	\$ 86,789	\$ 80,034	\$ 43,599	\$ 38,216

### Aerospace Sales by Product Line

	Six Months Ended				Three Mor	onths Ended	
(in thousands)	July 3, 2010		July 4, 2009		July 3, 2010	]	July 4, 2009
Cabin Electronics Aircraft Lighting Airframe Power Airfield Lighting	\$ 40,584 33,319 8,322 4,564	\$	31,898 33,930 10,822 3,384	\$	19,087 17,586 4,117 2,809	\$	15,396 15,879 5,361 1,580
	\$ 86,789	\$	80,034	\$	43,599	\$	38,216

In the second quarter, the sales increase to the commercial transport market was a result of increased volume due primarily to a general improvement of the commercial transport market, as airlines increased their procurement and installation of in-flight entertainment and in-seat power systems that increased demand for our Cabin Electronics products. Sales to the business jet market were higher due to increased revenue from our Airframe Power product line. FAA/Airport market sales increased volume due in part to the timing of shipments of airfield lighting equipment. Military sales were flat for the quarter as a \$2.0 million increase of Aircraft Lighting sales to the military was offset by a decrease of Airframe Power sales to the military as our shipments for the Tactical Tomahawk power conditioning unit concluded in the third quarter of 2009.

Year to date, the sales increase of the commercial transport market was a result of increased volume due to a general improvement of the commercial transport market, as airlines increased their procurement and installation of in-flight entertainment and in-seat power systems that increased demand for our Cabin Electronics products. In total, sales to the business jet market were flat, as a \$1.4 million increase of Airframe power sales to the business jet market was offset by similar decrease of Aircraft Lighting product sales to the business jet market. Military sales are lower primarily as a result of the conclusion of shipments of our power conditioning unit for the Tactical Tomahawk missile in the third quarter of 2009 somewhat offset by higher shipment rates for lighting products.

Aerospace operating profit for the second quarter of 2010 was \$6.8 million, or 15.5% of sales, compared with \$3.7 million, or 9.7% of sales, in the same period last year. Year to date, operating profit for 2010 was \$13.5 million, or 15.5% of sales, compared with \$7.1 million, or 8.9% of sales, in the same period last year. Margin improvement was due to the leverage provided on the increased sales volume, the effect of cost reductions and favorable product mix for both the second quarter and year to date as compared with the same periods of 2009.

2010 Outlook for Aerospace As a result of our first six months actual sales and our strong bookings and backlog during the period we expect our Aerospace segment s revenue for 2010 to be in the range of \$165 million to \$170 million. Aerospace bookings for the first six months of 2010 totaled \$96.9 million. The Aerospace segments backlog at the end of the second quarter of 2010 was \$85.7 million with approximately \$60.4 million expected to be shipped over the remaining part of 2010.

TEST SYSTEMS

	Six Months Ended					Three Mont	nded	
(in thousands)		uly 3, July 4, 2010 2009				•	July 4, 2009	
Sales Operating profit (loss) Operating Margin	\$ \$	7,236 (806) (11.1)%	\$ \$	17,005 (53) (0.3)%	\$ \$	3,490 (993) (28.5)%	\$ \$	8,808 (251) (2.8)%

July 3, Dec 31,

	2010	2009
Total Assets	\$ 14,164	\$ 16,073
Backlog	\$ 11,565	\$ 9,755

# **Test Systems Sales by Market**

	Six Months Ended				Three Mor	nths Er	ths Ended	
	July 3, July 4,		July 3,		July 4,			
(in thousands)	2	2010	2009		2010		2009	
Military	\$	7,236	\$	17,005	\$	3,490	\$	8,808

All of the Test Systems segment revenue is from the Military market. In the second quarter, sales were \$3.5 million in 2010 compared to \$8.8 million in 2009. For the first half of 2010, sales were \$7.2 million compared to \$17.0 million for the first half of 2009. The decrease in the Test Systems segment sales reflects the low rate of new orders received during the past year and the resulting low backlog level.

Test Systems operating loss for the second quarter of 2010 was \$1.0 million, or (28.5)% of sales, compared with an operating loss of \$0.3 million, or (2.8)% of sales, in the same period last year. For the first half of the year the operating loss was \$0.8 million, or (11.1)% of sales, compared with an operating loss of \$0.1 million, or (0.3)% of sales, in the same period last year. The increased operating losses were due to low sales volume. This was somewhat offset by lower amortization costs relating to purchased intangible assets as compared with the same period last year. Additionally, the 2010 year to date operating profit reflects a reduction in our estimated warranty liability of \$0.7 million for the segment.

2010 Outlook for Test Systems We expect 2010 sales for our Test Systems segment to be in the range of \$20 million to \$25 million. The forecast has been lowered from our previous forecast as bookings, while improving over previous periods, have remained lower than expected. Test Systems segment bookings for the first six months of 2010 totaled \$9.0 million. The backlog at the end of the second quarter of 2010 was \$11.6 million. We remain hopeful that the opportunities we have identified will become part of our backlog during the year but the new order rate has been slower than expected. To achieve our sales forecast for 2010 new sales orders need to continue to increase during the next quarter. Our 2010 sales forecast for the Test Systems segment includes \$8.2 million of our backlog expected to be converted to sales in the third and fourth quarter of 2010 and an additional \$4.5 million to \$9.5 million for new business.

# LIQUIDITY

Cash provided by operating activities totaled \$7.5 million during the first six months of 2010, as compared with \$9.5 million of cash provided by operations during the first six months of 2009. The change was due primarily to higher net income offset by increased investment in net working capital components.

Cash used in investing activities was \$1.6 million in the first six months of 2010, a decrease in use of \$40.6 million when compared to \$42.2 million used in the first six months of 2009. This decrease was primarily due to the acquisition of DME in the prior year.

In the first six months of 2010 cash used for financing activities totaled \$4.4 million compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$34.2 million in the first six months of 2009. The change was due primarily to the additional debt in 2009 used to acquire DME and the use of cash in 2010 to pay down debt.

Our expectation for 2010 is that capital equipment expenditures will approximate \$2.5 million to \$3.5 million. Future capital requirements depend on numerous factors, including expansion of existing product lines and introduction of new products. Management believes that the Company s cash flow from operations and revolving credit facility will be sufficient to provide funding for future capital requirements.

Our obligations under our Credit Agreement are jointly and severally guaranteed by Astronics Advanced Electronic Systems Corp., Luminescent Systems, Inc. and DME Corporation, each a wholly-owned domestic subsidiary of the Company. The obligations are secured by a first priority lien on substantially all of the Company s and the guarantors assets and 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interest of each subsidiary.

There was no balance outstanding on our revolving credit facility at July 3, 2010 and we had \$35 million of available borrowing capacity from the facility. At July 3, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants pursuant to the credit facility.

### BACKLOG

The Company s backlog at July 3, 2010 was \$97.3 million compared with \$85.4 million at December 31, 2009 and \$105.5 million at July 4, 2009.

### CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Company s contractual obligations and commercial commitments have not changed materially from those disclosed in the Company s Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

### MARKET RISK

The Company believes that there have been no material changes in the current year regarding the market risk information for its exposure to currency exchange rates or interest rate fluctuations. Refer to the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for a complete discussion of the Company s market risk.

# **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Refer to the Company s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 for a complete discussion of the Company s critical accounting policies.

### **RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

See Part 1, Note 1 to the Financial Statements Basis of Presentation, Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in 2010 *FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS* 

This Quarterly Report contains certain forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involves uncertainties and risks. These statements are identified by the use of the

may. will. should. believes. expected. intends. projects. estimates. expects. plans. predicts. p anticipates, presume and assume, and words of similar import. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward looking statements as various uncertainties and risks could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in these statements. These uncertainties and risks include the success of the Company with effectively executing its plans; successfully integrating its acquisitions; the timeliness of product deliveries by vendors and other vendor performance issues; changes in demand for our products from the U.S. government and other customers; the acceptance by the market of new products developed; our success in cross-selling products to different customers and markets; changes in government contracts; the state of the commercial and business jet aerospace market; the Company s success at increasing the content on current and new aircraft platforms; the level of aircraft build rates; as well as other general economic conditions and other factors. Certain of these factors, risks and uncertainties are discussed in the sections of this report entitled Risk Factors and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

# Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

See Market Risk in Item 2, above.

# **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

The Company s management, with the participation of the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures as of July 3, 2010. Based on that evaluation, the Company s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of July 3, 2010.

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# PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

None.

### Item 1a Risk Factors.

In addition to other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part 1, Item 1A. Risk Factors, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or results of operations.

In the Test Systems segment, revenue is recognized from long-term, fixed-price contracts using the

percentage-of-completion method of accounting, measured by multiplying the estimated total contract value by the ratio of actual contract costs incurred to date to the estimated total contract costs. Substantially all long-term contracts are with U.S. government agencies and contractors thereto. The Company has significant estimates involving its usage of percentage-of-completion accounting to recognize contract revenues. While the Company believes its estimated gross profit on contracts in process is reasonable, unforeseen events and changes in circumstances can take place in a subsequent accounting period that may cause the Company to prospectively revise its estimated gross profit on one or more of its contracts in process. Accordingly, the ultimate gross profit realized upon completion of such contracts can vary significantly from estimated amounts between accounting periods.

The Company has a significant concentration of business with two customers, Panasonic Avionics Corporation and the US Government, where a significant reduction in sales would negatively impact our sales and earnings. We provide Panasonic with cabin electronics products which, in total were approximately 24.9% and 27.7% of revenue during the second quarter and year to date of 2010, respectively. We provide the US Government with military products which, in total were approximately 14.4% and 13.0% of revenue during the second quarter and year to date of 2010, respectively.

### Item 2. Unregistered sales of equity securities and use of proceeds.

(c) The following table summarizes the Company s purchases of its common stock for the quarter ended July 3, 2010:

			(c) Total number	
			of	(d) Maximum
			shares Purchased	
	(a) Total		as	Number of Shares
	number	(b)		
	of	Average	part of Publicly	that May Yet Be
			Announced	Purchased Under
	shares	Price Paid	Plans or	the
Period	Purchased	per Share	Programs	Plans or Programs
April 4 May 1, 2010				541,195
May 2 May 29, 2010				541,195
May 30 July 3, 2010				541,195
Total				541,195
<b>Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities</b>				
None.				
Item 5. Other Information.				
None.				

### Item 6 Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1Section 302 CertificationChief Executive OfficerExhibit 31.2Section 302 CertificationChief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 32. Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

### **ASTRONICS CORPORATION**

(Registrant)

Date: August 5, 2010

By: /s/ David C. Burney David C. Burney Vice President-Finance and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)

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