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AIRWARD CONTAINERS EXCEED NEW DOT REGULATION REQUIREMENT

Houston, Texas, March 17, 2008 – ASTROTECH Incorporated, (NASDAQ: SPAB), a provider of commercial space services, today announced the successful completion of development and testing activities for its new AirWard Cargo Container Systems. Planned for unveiling at the Dallas Aviation Industry Expo in Dallas, Texas, March 18-20, 2008, AirWard Cargo Containers are the first product to go to market from the Company's new SPACETECH, Inc. subsidiary. SPACETECH is a technology transfer, product development, and sales-focused ASTROTECH business created to transform space-based technologies and products into commercial applications.

AirWard Cargo Containers were created as a solution to a Department of Transportation (DOT) regulation (CFR 49) update, effective October 2009, regarding the air transportation of hazardous materials such as oxygen cylinders. The revised regulation places much more stringent heat and flame resistance requirements on these containers.

In early 2007, through a Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) initiative - a program administered by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and funded by NASA and the State of Texas to provide free engineering assistance to small U.S. Businesses - ASTROTECH lent its support to Texas Calibration, a woman-owned small business, to identify materials for the development of a DOT-compliant oxygen bottle transportation container. ASTROTECH applied over 20 years of space engineering expertise to this terrestrial problem and developed the AirWard Cargo Containers which fully meet, and exceed, all of the applicable requirements.

Upon completion of the SATOP partnership, SPACETECH was asked to formally join the project and continue with full-scale development and marketing of the container. The Company has recently completed pre-production testing of the AirWard Cargo Container to the new DOT requirements, demonstrating that the design meets and exceeds all requirements. In addition to the thermal and flame resistance testing, impact testing has also been completed. All critical milestones for the certification of the patented AirWard Cargo Container design have been achieved and customer deliveries will begin in mid 2008.

About AirWard Corporation

AirWard Corporation, an Astrotech Corporation(Nasdaq: SPAB) subsidiary, was formed to provide a solution to meet the Department of Transportation's 2009 requirements for safe and reliable compressed oxygen cylinder and oxygen generator transportation. Utilizing Astrotech's 25-year legacy in the development of habitat and laboratory modules and cargo carriers for NASA, the company has developed AirWard Hazardous Cargo Containers for the transportation of hazardous materials. For more information, visit www.airward.net

About Astrotech Corporation

Astrotech is a commercial and entrepreneurial force in the space industry providing a full spectrum of products and services to both the government and private sectors. The Company offers spacecraft prelaunch processing facilities and services, production of valuable commercial products in space, development and extension of space-based products to the consumer market, space access and payload integration services program and engineering support ranging from development and manufacturing of flight hardware to large scale government project management.

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