

August 4, 2003 — Northrop Grumman Corporation's (NYSE:NOC) Astro Aerospace business unit has passed The Boeing Company's quality systems audit. The audit certifies that Astro Aerospace has a quality system necessary to support development and/or manufacture products for Boeing.

“The successful completion of this audit reflects our commitment to quality and customer satisfaction. The results of this audit also provide the framework for Astro to meet our customer's and industry's standard,” said Susan Fuhs, general manager of Astro Aerospace.

Boeing's quality audit is based on the same requirements that would be necessary to obtain AS9100 certification. AS9100 is an aerospace industry specification supplementing ISO 9001. ISO 9001 is an internationally recognized quality management system developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). AS9100 was developed by the Americas Aerospace Quality Group. Its purpose is to standardize quality expectations; achieve improvements in quality and reduce costs; add additional provisions for regulatory requirements and the importance of safety, reliability and maintainability.

Astro Aerospace builds space deployables for Boeing, including four AstroMesh reflectors for Boeing GEO-Mobile communications satellites, and the Mobile Transporter for the International Space Station.

Astro Aerospace, based in Carpinteria, is a business unit of Northrop Grumman Space Technology, a leader in the development of space, defense and electronic systems. For more than 40 years, Astro Aerospace has pioneered the technology space deployable structures. It has a 100 percent success rate on hundreds of flight-specific deployable units.

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