



## **ASTRA AIRCRAFT PARTNERS WITH KELLSTROM DEFENSE FOR AN EXCLUSIVE MULTI YEAR SUPPLIER AGREEMENT WITH ARMSCOR**

Miramar, FL, July 13, 2016 – Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. (“KDA”), a Merex Group company, is pleased to announce, in partnership with Astra Aircraft Corporation (Pty) Ltd., that they have signed an exclusive five (5) year contract with ARMSCOR for material support of the C-130B aircraft, operated by the South African Air Force (SAAF). Under this agreement, Kellstrom Defense will provide spare parts on an exclusive basis, and Astra Aircraft will provide in-country program and customer relationship management services.

“This long term contract, coupled with our highly experienced resource pool and OEM partnerships, brings Kellstrom Defense closer to being the global leader of C-130 aftermarket parts and repair services,” said Dean Brady, President of Global Distribution & Supply Chain. “We look forward to working with Astra Aircraft and supporting the SAAF C-130B fleet readiness”.

### **About Merex Group:**

The Merex Group is a global provider of comprehensive support for U.S. manufactured legacy defense platforms including aircraft, helicopters, and their respective engines. Supporting more than 50 countries worldwide that operate legacy defense platforms, the Merex Group "Total Support" approach of providing spares/components, repair/overhaul management, manufacturing & engineering solutions and overall program management has been instrumental in the company's success in this growing market. The Merex Group is headquartered in Camarillo, California and is a Dubin Clark & Company portfolio company. Further information is available at: [www.merex.com](http://www.merex.com).

### **About Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc.:**

Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. (“Kellstrom Defense”) is a leading provider of aftermarket logistics support for military and defense platforms around the world, including but not limited to C-130, F-16, F-5/T-38, P-3, Boeing 707 defense derivative aircraft, and multiple rotary-wing platforms. Kellstrom Defense specializes in complete Supply Chain Management (“SCM”) services through establishing strategic alliances and partnerships with the defense aviation industry's leading manufactures and repair centers, providing a suite of solutions for operators, depots, and aircraft MRO centers worldwide sustaining legacy military platforms. Further information is available at: [www.kellstromdefense.com](http://www.kellstromdefense.com).

### **About Kellstrom Repair Services:**

Kellstrom Repair Services, Inc. ("KRS"), a Merex Group company and wholly owned subsidiary of Kellstrom Defense Aerospace, Inc. ("Kellstrom Defense"), specializes in providing Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul ("MRO") and sustainment solutions for legacy military aircraft and rotor wing platforms worldwide. KRS - Livermore, CA (formerly ALCO Services, Inc.) is a Honeywell Authorized Repair Station specializing in the repair and overhaul of GTCP36, GTC85, GTCP85 & GTCP95 Series Auxiliary Power Units, Engine Driven Compressors, and a full range of mechanical, electro-mechanical, instrument, pneumatic and fuel system components. KRS - Miramar, FL (formerly High Tech Avionics & Accessories) specializes in the repair and overhaul of Accessory Class III components, Instrument Class I, II, III and IV avionics, and landing gear systems. KRS - Repair Management leverages KRS in-house repair capabilities and a network of FAA & EASA authorized facilities to provide value added MRO solutions for both OEMs and end user customer. Further information is available at: [www.kellstromdefense.com/mro](http://www.kellstromdefense.com/mro).

### **About Dubin Clark & Company:**

Dubin Clark & Company, Inc. is a private equity investment firm founded in 1984 exclusively on purchasing and cultivating businesses into profitable enterprises, all the time working alongside the businesses' preexisting management. The organization has a philosophy of "Maintaining each company's values, independence and culture; our goal is to build on what has already been achieved." Further information is available at: [www.dubinclark.com](http://www.dubinclark.com).

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