



## **Astrotech Announces Major Milestone – 1<sup>st</sup> Detect Receives ECAC Certification**

### **- 1<sup>st</sup> Detect Taking Orders for TRACER 1000™ Internationally -**

**Austin, TX – February 21, 2019** – Astrotech Corporation (NASDAQ: ASTC) today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, 1<sup>st</sup> Detect, received formal certification for both passenger and cargo screening for its explosives trace detector (ETD), the TRACER 1000, from the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) and can now sell its product internationally.

“The 1<sup>st</sup> Detect TRACER 1000 ECAC certification marks the end of the old and ushers in a new era of efficiency and savings. The TRACER 1000, with its near-zero false alarm rate, has been designed to reduce risk, speed up the passenger lanes, and save airports hundreds of millions in unnecessary screening costs. Airport security personnel and passengers have been struggling with antiquated and cumbersome ion mobility spectrometry (IMS) based ETDs for decades, and it is now time to speed up the lanes and end the needless and embarrassing pat-downs. The industry has long been looking for a solution and after many years of hard work we are very proud to introduce the breakthrough TRACER 1000 ETD technology,” stated Thomas B. Pickens III, CEO of Astrotech.

“Early demonstrations to prospective customers of the TRACER 1000 have gone extraordinarily well. It is clear that there is a longstanding dissatisfaction with the previous generation of ETD’s and potential customers are genuinely interested in our superior mass spectrometry technology to lower their operating costs and dramatically increase threat detection capabilities to address evolving threats,” stated Raj Mellacheruvu, CEO of 1<sup>st</sup> Detect.

If you are interested in a demo or in learning more about the TRACER 1000, please contact us at [sales@1stdetect.com](mailto:sales@1stdetect.com) or at (512) 485-9539.

#### **About 1<sup>st</sup> Detect**

1<sup>st</sup> Detect develops, manufactures, and sells chemical analyzers for use in the security, defense, healthcare, and environmental markets. For more information, visit [www.1stdetect.com](http://www.1stdetect.com).

#### **About Astrotech**

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Astrotech (NASDAQ: ASTC) is a science and technology development and commercialization company that launches, manages, and builds scalable companies based on innovative technology in order to maximize shareholder value.

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