



## Aastrom Announces Outcome of Special Meeting of Shareholders

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 21, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:ASTM), a leading developer of expanded autologous cellular therapies for the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases, today announced that company shareholders approved amendments to the company's Restated Articles of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Aastrom common stock from 62,500,000 to 150,000,000 and to increase the number of shares available under the Aastrom 2009 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. The amendments were approved at a special meeting of Aastrom shareholders held on Monday, March 21, 2011.

### About Aastrom Biosciences

Aastrom Biosciences is developing expanded autologous cellular therapies for use in the treatment of severe, chronic cardiovascular diseases. The company's proprietary cell-processing technology enables the manufacture of mixed-cell therapies expanded from a patient's own bone marrow and delivered directly to damaged tissues. Aastrom has advanced its cell therapies into late-stage clinical development, including a planned Phase 3 clinical program for the treatment of patients with critical limb ischemia and two ongoing Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with dilated cardiomyopathy. For more information, please visit Aastrom's website at [www.aastrom.com](http://www.aastrom.com).

The Aastrom Biosciences, Inc. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3663>

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