Northrop Grumman Announces New $500 Million Accelerated Share Repurchase Agreement

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FALLS CHURCH, Va., Feb. 02, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) today announced that it has entered into an accelerated share repurchase (ASR) agreement with Bank of America, N.A. to repurchase $500 million of Northrop Grumman's common stock. The ASR is in addition to previously planned repurchases, including open market share repurchases. The company continues to target returning more than 100% of its free cash flow to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases in 2023.

Under the ASR agreement, Northrop Grumman expects to receive an initial delivery of approximately 0.9 million shares on Feb. 6, representing approximately 80 percent of the expected share repurchases under the ASR agreement, based on the company's closing price of $440.86 on Feb. 2, 2023. The final number of shares to be repurchased through the ASR will be based on Northrop Grumman's volume-weighted average price during the term of the transaction, less a discount, and is expected to be completed no later than the second quarter of 2023. The ASR will be completed under the company's current share repurchase authorization, which currently has approximately $2.5 billion remaining.

Northrop Grumman is a leading global aerospace and defense technology company. Our pioneering solutions equip our customers with the capabilities they need to connect and protect the world, and push the boundaries of human exploration across the universe. Driven by a shared purpose to solve our customers' toughest problems, our 95,000 employees define possible every day.

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