MSC Industrial Supply Co.

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Company Overview

MSC is a value added distributor of services, solutions & products that helps customers reduce their MRO supply chain costs

Founded in 1941 by Sid Jacobson

> 6,000 associates

> 100 branches and 5 major distribution centers

> 3,000 suppliers

> 850,000 SKUs majority with 99% fill rates

$2.8 Billion Revenue	11% 3-Year Sales CAGR
14.4% Adjusted Operating Margin*	3% 3-Year EPS CAGR

* Unaudited data for fiscal year ended August 30, 2014.

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Key Investment Highlights

1. Uniquely positioned to gain share in a large, fragmented market
2. Highly profitable and scalable business model with repeatable growth formula
3. Track record of capitalizing on growth opportunities
   - Product category expansion yields deeper wallet share
   - Scalable infrastructure supports organic growth
   - Industry fragmentation presents significant consolidation opportunity
4. High free cash flow generation (+$600 million in past 3 fiscal years)

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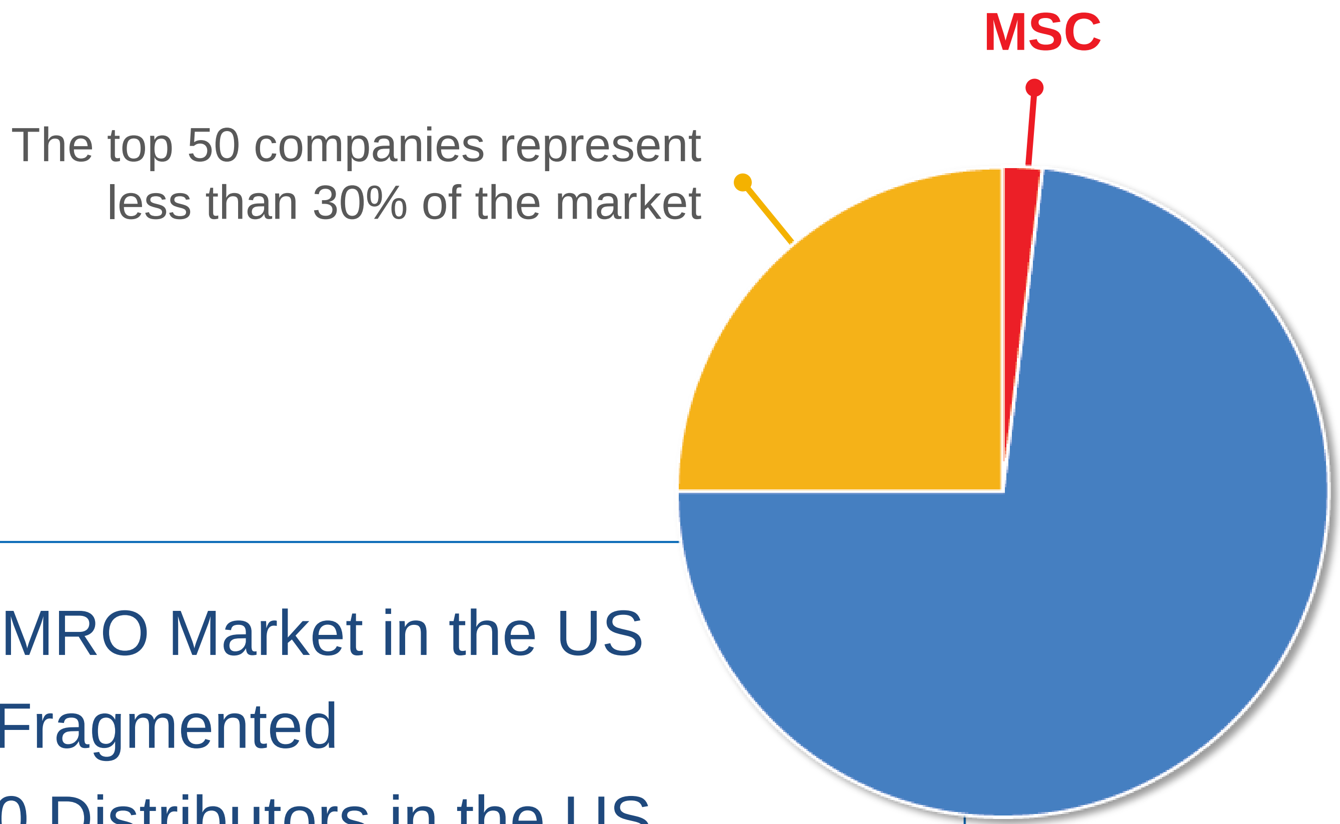
Industry Overview



- $140B MRO Market in the US
- Highly Fragmented
- 150,000 Distributors in the US

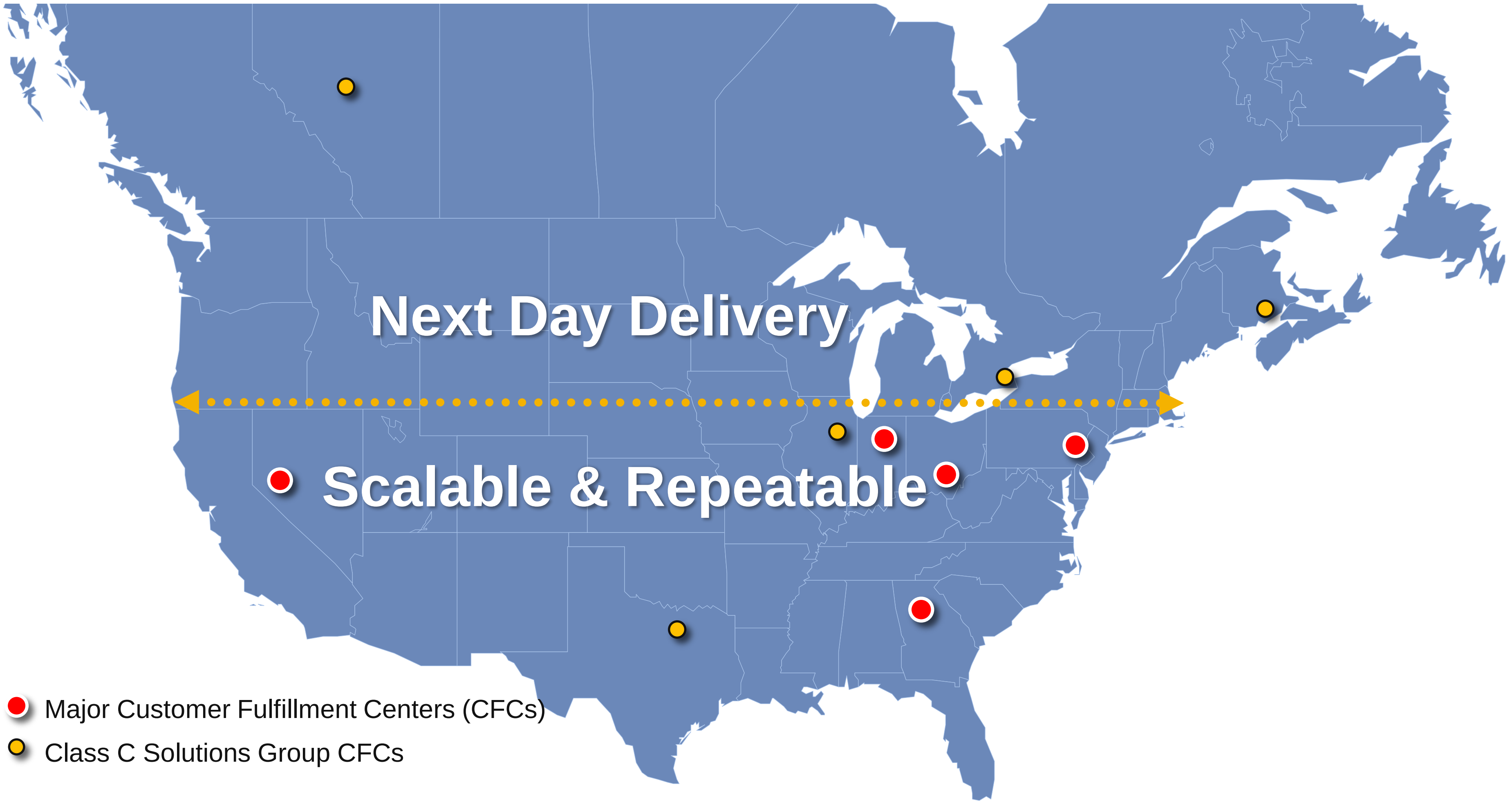
Competitive Position

	MSC	Industry Average
Products	880,000	15,000
Fill Rate	99%*	58%
# of Orders/Yr.	6 million	N/A
Customers	365,000	2,000
Unique Buyers	550,000	N/A
Gross Margin	45%	23%

* Fill rate pertains to majority of products

(amounts are approximate)

Fulfillment Center Network



Broad Product Offering

>850,000

Items in Stock

+

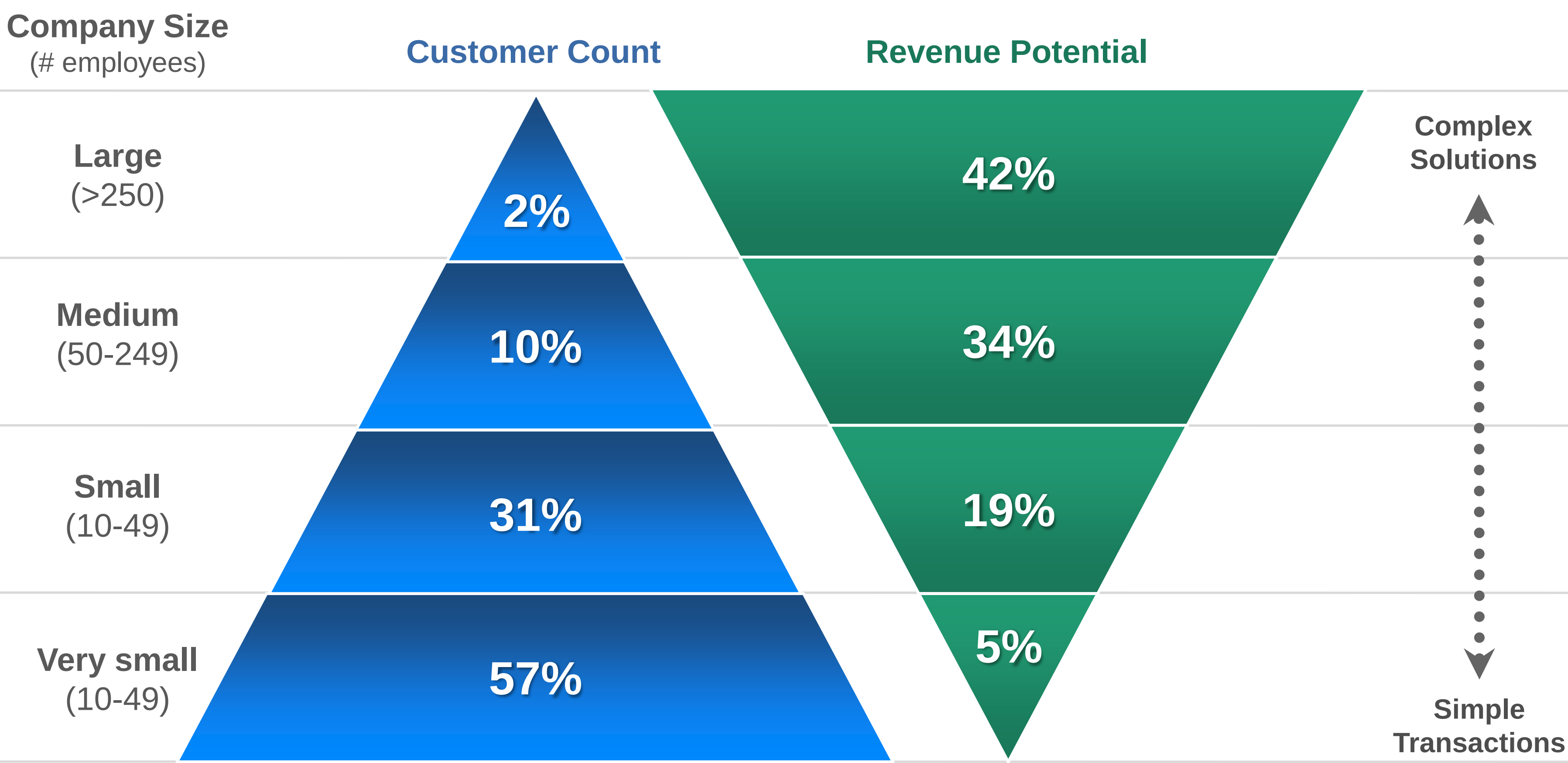
99%

Fill Rate*

Significant competitive advantage

* Fill rate pertains to majority of products

Industry Customer Landscape



Top Customers Demand Value-added Services
Smaller Customers Require Efficient Cost-to-Serve Model

Source: D&B; Infogroup

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Customer Challenges

Challenges

- Too Many Suppliers
- Too Many SKUs
- Too Many Purchase Orders
- Difficult to Drive Compliance
- Operationally Expensive
- Time Consuming to Manage
- Non-Core Activities
- Excess Inventory
- Disruption of Supply
- Freight and Handling Costs
- Service and Delivery Issues
- Data Collection and Management

MSC Value Proposition

Save Time

- Over 1 Million Items in 40 Major Categories
- mscdirect.com & eProcurement
- Same-Day Shipping with Service Guarantee
- Next Day Delivery when ordered by 8 p.m. ET

Save Money

- Product Supermarket
- Private Brands
- Inventory Management & Supply Chain Solutions
- Technical Team

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Repeatable Growth Formula

U.S. | The Americas | Europe | Asia

Geographically Scalable Opportunities

Metalworking

- Strategic M&A
- Customized Supply Chain Solutions
- Expertly Trained Sales Organization
- Metalworking Specialists
- Technical Service & Support
- Private Brands

Product Growth Segments

- Material Handling
- Safety
- Hand and Power Tools
- Fasteners
- Power Transmission
- Electrical and Lighting
- Motion Control
- …and more

End-market Growth Segments

- Aerospace
- Automotive
- Processing
- Government
- Education
- Healthcare
- Energy
- …and more

Strategic Investment and Focus on Adjacent Growth Segments

Logistics | Sales Force | Products | Technology/Solutions | e-commerce

Scalable Foundation

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Growth Drivers

National Accounts

Salesforce Expansion

Vending

SKU Expansion

e-Commerce

M&A

Organic Growth Strategies
(11% historical)

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M&A
(2% historical)

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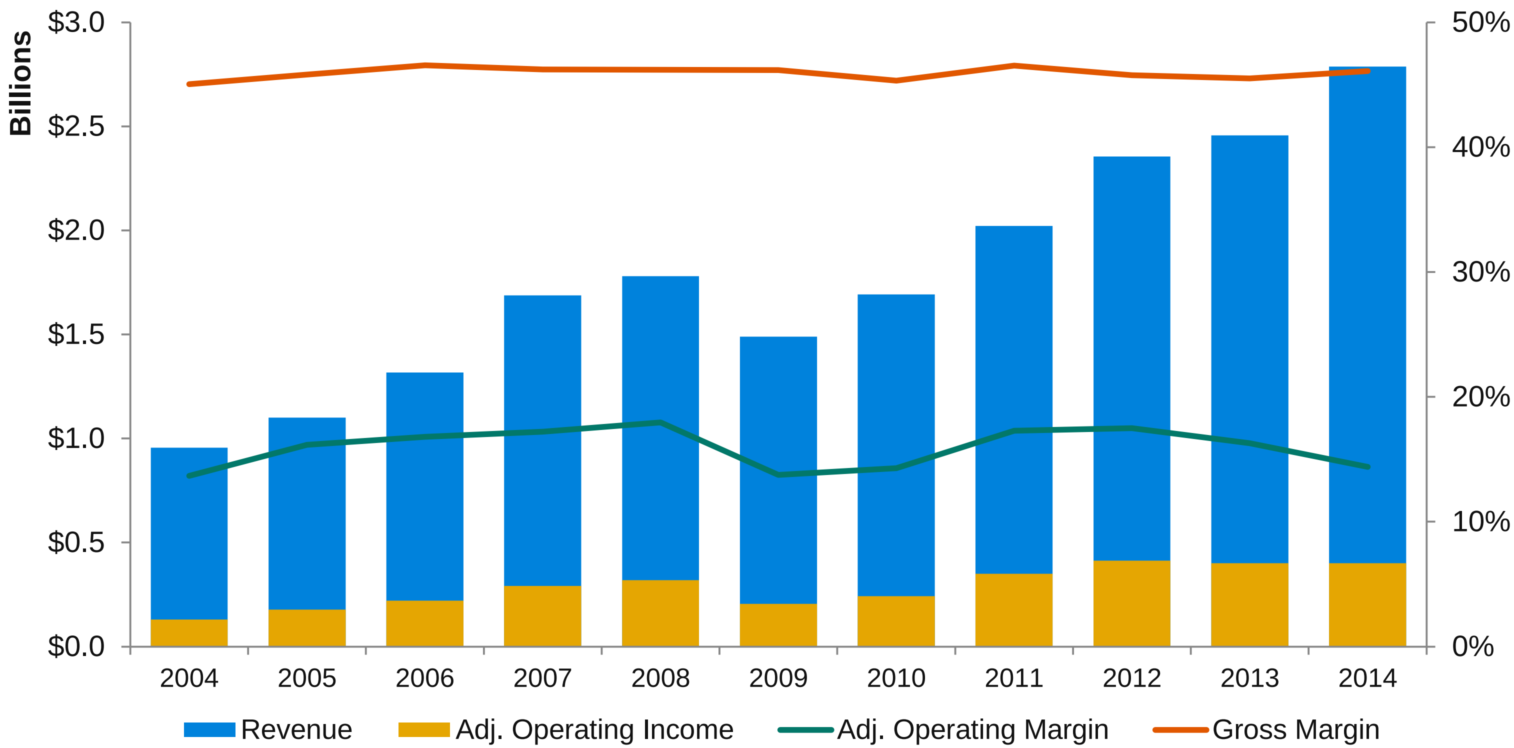
Track Record of Growth*



Note: An explanation and reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures contained in this presentation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures can be found in the Appendix.

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FY 2015 Operating Margin Scenarios

Price Environment / Growth Environment	Moderate	High
Moderate	14.1% (+/- 50 bp)	15.0% (+/- 50 bp)
Low	13.4% (+/- 50 bp)	14.2% (+/- 50 bp)

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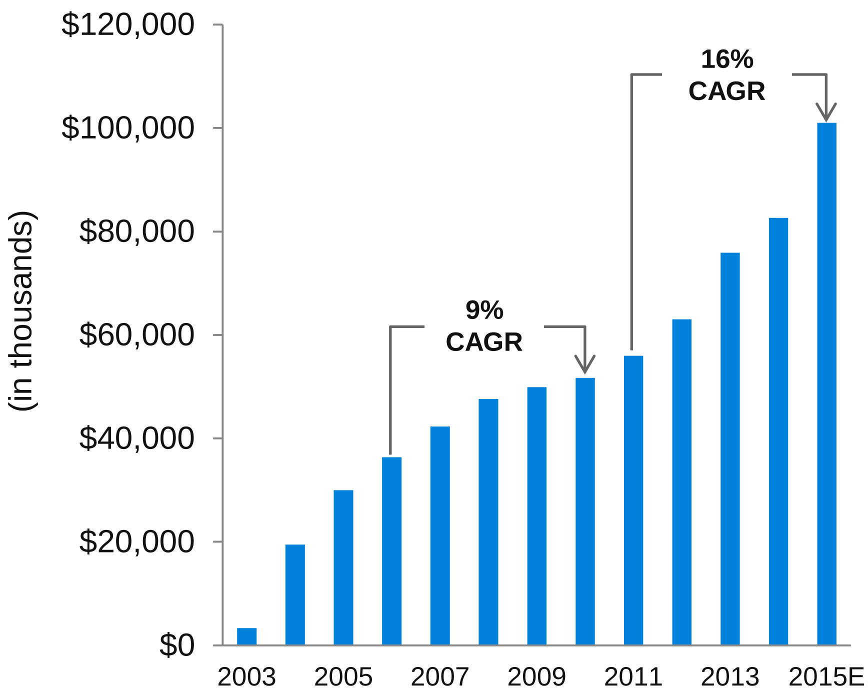
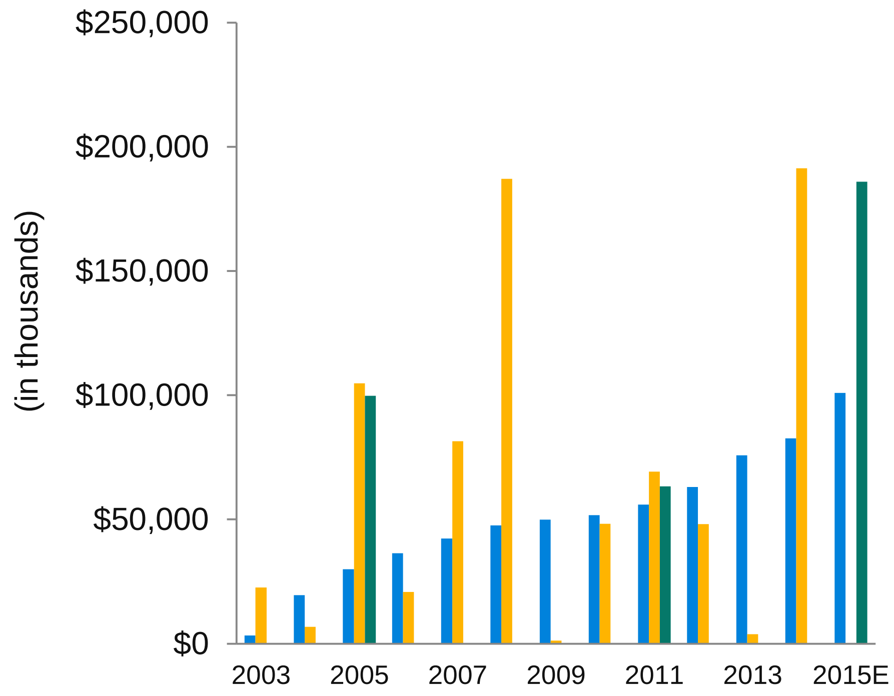
Financial Strengths

- Strong balance sheet supports growth
  - Cash of $47M
  - Debt of $496M
  - Shareholders equity = $1.3B
- Total free cash flow of $600M* over last 3 years
- Re-purchased approx. $245M* of MSC stock and paid over $220M* in dividends over last 3 years

* As of August 30, 2014.

Capital Returned to Shareholders





■ Ordinary Dividends* ■ Share Repurchases ■ Special Dividends**

* Expected annualized ordinary dividends for FY 2015.
** $3 per share special dividend in FY 2015 as announced on October 27, 2014.

APPENDIX

Definitions

Adjusted Debt/Adjusted EBITDA ratio is calculated as (Debt - Capital Lease Obligation for Columbus CFC) / (EBITDA + Stock-based Compensation Expense). This ratio is also referred to by MSC as its leverage ratio.

Adjusted Operating Income is a Non-GAAP measure and is adjusted to exclude the impact of certain significant events from our GAAP results such as the impact of non-recurring relocation, integration and executive separation costs

EBITDA is a Non-GAAP measure and is defined as Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization

Free Cash Flows (FCF) is a Non-GAAP measure and is defined by MSC as cash flows from operating activities less capital expenditures.

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Reconciliation of Non-GAAP to GAAP Measures
Adjusted Operating Income and Operating Income Reconciliation
(in $ millions)

	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Adjusted Operating Income (Non-GAAP)	$413	$401	$401
Non-recurring Relocation Costs	(1)	(4)	(3)
Non-recurring Integration Costs	-	(12)	(12)
Non-recurring Executive Separation Costs	-	-	(3)
Operating Income (GAAP)	$412	$386	$383
Adjusted Operating Margins (Non-GAAP)	17.5%	16.3%	14.4%

Notes: Totals may not add up due to rounding