

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Reschedules Fourth Quarter And Full Year 2012 Earnings Announcement Due To Severe Storm

MELVILLE, N.Y., Oct. 29, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- **MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. (NYSE: MSM)**, "MSC" or the "Company," the premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, today announced that due to the severe weather expected, it will now release its fiscal fourth quarter and 2012 full year results before the market opens on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The Company will also host its conference call the same day at 11:00 am ET.

Erik Gershwind, President and COO of MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. commented on the announcement, stating "Due to the severe weather on the eastern seaboard, we felt it was prudent and in the best interest and safety of our associates and investors to reschedule our earnings release and conference call by one day to allow for the storm to pass."

The conference call and webcast details remain as previously announced. To access the webcast, please visit the Company's website at: <http://www.mscdirect.com>. An online archive of the broadcast will be available within one hour of the conclusion of the call and remain available until Friday, November 30, 2012.

Alternatively, the conference call can be accessed by dialing 1-800-860-2442 (U.S.) or 1-412-858-4600 (international). A replay will be available within one hour of the conclusion of the call and will remain available until Friday, November 30, 2012. The replay is accessible by dialing 1-877-344-7529 (U.S.) or 1-412-317-0088 (international) and entering passcode 10019359.

About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the largest distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC employs one of the industry's largest sales forces and distributes approximately 600,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day standard delivery to the contiguous United States on qualifying orders up until 8 p.m. Eastern Time. For more information, visit MSC's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements: Statements in this Press Release may constitute "forward-looking statements" under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future, including statements about expected future results, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The inclusion of any statement in this release does not constitute an admission by MSC or any other person that the events or circumstances described in such statement are material. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward-looking statements include: problems with successfully integrating acquired operations, current economic, political and social conditions, changing customer and product mixes, financial restrictions on outstanding borrowings, industry consolidation, competition, general economic conditions in the markets in which we operate, volatility in commodity and energy prices, credit risk of our customers, risk of cancellation or rescheduling of orders, work stoppages or other business interruptions (including those due to extreme weather conditions) at transportation centers or shipping ports, the risk of war, terrorism and similar hostilities, dependence on our information systems and on key personnel, and the outcome of potential government or regulatory proceedings or future litigation relating to pending or future claims, inquiries or audits. Additional information concerning these and other risks is described under "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in the reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

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