

Kennametal, Stanley Black & Decker First to Win MSC Industrial Supply's 'Supplier of the Year' Awards

Customer Service and Product Innovation, Breadth and Quality Highlight Rigorous Criteria for Selection

AUSTIN, Texas, May 11, 2017 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Kennametal Inc. and Stanley Black & Decker have been selected from more than 3,000 companies to receive the first Supplier of the Year awards ever presented by MSC Industrial Supply Co. MSC is a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) supplies to industrial customers throughout North America.

Kennametal Inc., headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is a global industrial technology leader that serves many industrial segments, including aerospace, earthworks, energy, general engineering and transportation. Kennametal was honored with MSC's premiere Supplier of the Year Award.

Stanley Black & Decker, based in New Britain, Connecticut, was presented the company's MRO Supplier of the Year Award. Stanley Black & Decker is a diversified global provider of hand tools, power tools and related accessories, electronic security solutions, healthcare solutions, engineered fastening systems and more.

The awards were presented to Kennametal and Stanley Black & Decker representatives today at MSC's Supplier Summit in Austin, Texas.

"Although all MSC suppliers represent high quality and value, Kennametal and Stanley Black & Decker stood out as the best of the best as they demonstrate the qualities and performance that help us fulfill our brand promise of making our customers' businesses better," said Greg Polli, Senior Vice President-Product Management for MSC. "We greatly appreciate the time, effort and investment they and their team members make on behalf of our mutual customers and MSC associates."

Selection for the MSC Supplier of the Year awards is based on a rigorous set of criteria, including a strategic approach to customer service, technology innovation, new product introductions, breadth and quality of brand portfolios, operational excellence, sales training and engagement, and marketing and sales materials.

About MSC

MSC Industrial Supply Co. (NYSE:MSM) is a leading North American distributor of metalworking and maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) products and services. We help our customers drive greater productivity, profitability and growth with more than 1 million products, inventory management and other supply chain solutions, and deep expertise from over 75 years of working with customers across industries.

Our experienced team of more than 6,000 associates is dedicated to working side by side with our customers to help drive results for their businesses - from keeping operations running efficiently today to continuously rethinking, retooling, and optimizing for a more productive tomorrow.

For more information on MSC, please visit mscdirect.com.

About Kennametal

At the forefront of advanced materials innovation for more than 75 years, Kennametal Inc. is a global industrial technology leader delivering productivity to customers through materials science, tooling and wear-resistant solutions. Customers across aerospace, earthworks, energy, general engineering and transportation turn to Kennametal to help them manufacture with precision and efficiency. Every day approximately 11,000 employees are helping customers in more than 60 countries stay competitive. Kennametal generated nearly \$2.1 billion in revenues in fiscal 2016. Learn more at www.kennametal.com.

About Stanley Black & Decker

Stanley Black & Decker, an S&P 500 company, is a diversified global provider of hand tools, power tools and related accessories, electronic security solutions, healthcare solutions, engineered fastening systems, and more. Learn more at www.stanleyblackanddecker.com.

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