## Investor Relations MSC Industrial Direct

## MSC Reports Fiscal 2019 Second Quarter Results

MELVILLE, N.Y. and DAVIDSON, N.C., April 10, 2019 /PRNewswire/ --

## FISCAL Q2 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Net sales of $\$ 823.0$ million, a $7.0 \%$ YoY increase
- Average daily sales increased $8.8 \%$ YoY, with 270 basis points of acquisitive growth
- Operating income of $\$ 96.0$ million, a decrease of approximately $2.2 \%$ YoY
- Operating margin of $11.7 \%$ (11.9\% excluding acquisitions*)
- Diluted EPS of \$1.24

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. (NYSE: MSM), "MSC" or the "Company," a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") products and services to industrial customers throughout North America, today reported financial results for its fiscal 2019 second quarter ended March 2, 2019.

Financial Highlights ${ }^{1}$
Net Sales
Operating Income
\% of Net Sales
Net Income
Diluted EPS

| $\$ 1.24$ | .2 | $\$ 2.06$ | $.3,4$ | $-39.8 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

 56.9 million and 56.7 million diluted shares outstanding for FY18 Q2 and FY18 YTD, respectively. ${ }^{4}$ Prior year periods include a provisional tax benefit of $\$ 41.2$ million, or $\$ 0.72$ per diluted share, from the revaluation of the company's tax related balance sheet items and a tax benefit of $\$ 16.9$ million, or $\$ 0.30$ per diluted share, attributable to the lower effective tax rate required to bring the first half of fiscal 2018 into alignment with the expected full year rate.

Erik Gershwind, president and chief executive officer, said, "Conditions generally remained solid in the industrial economy in the fiscal second quarter of 2019, although we did see some moderation in February and this continued into March. Our core and national account customer growth in the quarter was in the high single digits, while Government sales were negative as expected. As a result, our total company growth rate was slightly below our expectations. The pricing environment remained stable in the fiscal second quarter and we were pleased with the strong realization that we achieved on our mid-year price increase."

Rustom Jilla, executive vice president and chief financial officer, added, "Our fiscal second quarter total ADS increased $8.8 \%$ year-over-year, with acquisitions contributing 270 basis points. Our gross margin was in-line with our expectations. Price realization was strong, while purchase cost and mix remained headwinds, as expected. Our operating expense to sales ratio was $31.1 \%$, roughly flat with last year's second quarter and in line with our guidance, as our stepped-up growth investments offset the benefits of sales leverage. Despite our gross margins and operating expenses coming in as expected, our earnings per share were one cent below our guidance mid-point due to slightly lower than anticipated sales. Finally, in the fiscal second quarter, we paid dividends of $\$ 35$ million and repurchased approximately 275 thousand shares for about $\$ 21$ million."
 transformed our sales force and ramped hiring of sales talent. At the halfway point of the fiscal year, gross margins and operating expenses are as anticipated, but revenue growth has slightly underperformed our expectations. Looking forward, we are seeing positive signs from the implementation of our strategic plan, particularly from our sales force transformation, and are confident that it will deliver above market growth."

## Outlook

The Company expects net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 to be between $\$ 874$ million and $\$ 891$ million. At the midpoint, average daily sales are expected to increase roughly $6.5 \%$ compared to last year's third quarter. The Company expects diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2019 to be between $\$ 1.46$ and $\$ 1.52$.
 expected to increase roughly $4.0 \%$ compared to last year's third quarter. The Company expects the impact from acquisitions to have a roughly breakeven impact on diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of fiscal 2019

* An explanation and reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to GAAP financial measures is presented in the financial schedules of this press release

Conference Call Information



An online archive of the broadcast will be available until April 17, 2019.
The Company's reporting date for fiscal 2019 third quarter results is scheduled for July 10, 2019.



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

## Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements










 fulfillment centers; dependence on our information systems and the risks of business disruptions arising from changes to our information systems and disruptions due to






 that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We assume no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements.

## MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands)

## ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash and cash equivalents
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful account
Inventories
Prepaid expenses and other current assets Total current assets

| $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 2, \\ 2019 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 1, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (unaudited) |  |  |  |
| \$ | 31,167 | \$ | 46,217 |
|  | 540,756 |  | 523,892 |
|  | 572,593 |  | 518,496 |
|  | 99,387 |  | 58,902 |
|  | 1,243,903 |  | 1,147,507 |


| Property, plant and equipment, net |  | 697,510 |  | 374,9898 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Identifiable intangibles, net |  | 123,062 |  | 122,724 |
| Other assets |  | 6,340 |  | 31,813 |
| Total assets | \$ | 2,358,116 | \$ | 2,288,727 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Short-term debt | \$ | 308,562 | \$ | 224,097 |
| Accounts payable |  | 162,673 |  | 145,133 |
| Accrued liabilities |  | 96,656 |  | 121,293 |
| Total current liabilities |  | 567,891 |  | 490,523 |
| Long-term debt |  | 284,666 |  | 311,236 |
| Deferred income taxes and tax uncertainties |  | 99,714 |  | 99,714 |
| Total liabilities |  | 952,271 |  | 901,473 |
| Commitments and Contingencies |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders' Equity: |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred Stock |  | - |  |  |
| Class A common stock |  | 54 |  | 55 |
| Class B common stock |  | 10 |  | 10 |
| Additional paid-in capital |  | 670,047 |  | 657,749 |
| Retained earnings |  | 1,349,972 |  | 1,325,822 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss |  | $(20,237)$ |  | $(19,634)$ |
| Class A treasury stock, at cost |  | $(599,603)$ |  | $(576,748)$ |
| Total MSC Industrial shareholders' equity |  | 1,400,243 |  | 1,387,254 |
| Noncontrolling interest |  | 5,602 |  | - |
| Total Shareholders' Equity |  | 1,405,845 |  | 1,387,254 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ | 2,358,116 | \$ | 2,288,727 |



MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

|  | Thirteen Weeks Ended |  |  |  | Twenty-Six Weeks Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 2, } \\ 2019 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 3, } \\ 2018 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 2, \\ 2019 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 3, } \\ 2018 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Net income, as reported | \$ | 68,430 | \$ | 117,552 | \$ | 142,662 | \$ | 177,137 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: Foreign currency translation adjustments |  | 675 |  | 27 |  | (666) |  | (816) |
| Comprehensive income |  | 69,105 |  | 117,579 |  | 141,996 |  | 176,321 |
| Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest |  | 57 |  | - |  | 57 |  | - |
| Comprehensive income attributable to MSC Industrial | \$ | 69,162 | \$ | 117,579 | \$ | 142,053 | \$ | 176,321 |

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:
Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization
Stock-based compensation
Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment

| Twenty-Six Weeks Ended |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { March } 2, \\ 2019 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { March 3, } \\ 2018 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| \$ | 142,662 | \$ | 177,137 |
|  | 32,076 |  | 31,307 |
|  | 8,078 |  | 7,589 |
|  | 343 |  | 178 |

Brovisision for doubffula accounts uncertainties
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Accounts receivable
Inventories
Prepaid expenses and other current assets
Other assets
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
Total adjustments
Net cash provided by operating activities
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:
Expenditures for property, plant and equipment
Cash used in business acquisitions, net of cash received
Net cash used in investing activities
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:
Repurchases of common stock
Payments of cash dividends
Proceeds from sale of Class A common stock in connection with associate stock purchase plan Proceeds from exercise of Class A common stock options
Borrowings under the revolving credit facilities
Contributions from non-controlling interest
Payments under the revolving credit facilities
Other, net
Net cash used in financing activities
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:
Cash paid for income taxes
Cash paid for interest

## Non-GAAP Financial Measures

## - Results excluding AII Integrated Solutions (AIS) and MSC Mexico


 and non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, that exclude the results of our acquisition of All Integrated Solutions ("AIS") and the operations of two newly-formed entities, MSC
 integrations costs (collectively, referred to as "Acquisitions").



 complete picture of the Company's performance.


 information to investors by offering:

- the ability to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of the Company's on-going operating results;
- the ability to better identify trends in the Company's underlying business and perform related trend analyses;
- a better understanding of how management plans and measures the Company's underlying business; and
 GAAP financial measures

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES
Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information Thirteen and Twenty-Six Weeks Ended March 2, 2019
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

| GAAP Measure |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales |  |  |  |
| Thirteen <br> Weeks Ended March 2, 2019 |  |  | enty-Six |
|  |  |  | eks Ended |
|  |  |  | ch 2, 2019 |
| \$ | 823,004 | \$ | 1,654,601 |
|  | GAAP Measure |  |  |


| Gross Profit |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six <br> Weeks Ended |  |
| Weeks Ended | March 2, 2019 |  |
| March 2, 2019 | Mer |  |
| $\$ 351,814$ | $\$$ |  |
| GAAP Measure |  |  |


|  |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Operating Expenses |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $\$$ | 255,833 | | \$ |
| :--- |


| Items Affecting Comparability |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $\$ 319,943$ | \$ 37,601 |
| Items Affecting Comparability |  |


| Items Affecting Comparability |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| \$ 5,960 | \$ 11,408 |
| Items Affecting Comparability |  |


| Acquisitions |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $\$ \quad 5,654$ | $\$ \quad 10,511$ |

Items Affecting Comparability

| Acquisitions |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |  |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |  |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |  |
| $\$$ | 306 |  | | \$ |
| :--- |


$\begin{array}{ll}\text { March 2, 2019 } & \text { March 2, } 2019\end{array}$

| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Gross Profit, excluding |  |
| Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| \$March |  |

Non-GAAP Measure

| Operating Expenses, excluding |
| :---: |
| Acquisitions |

Thirteen Acquisitions Twenty-Six Weeks Ended Weeks Ended | March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ \quad 250,179$ | $\$ \quad 500,307$ |

| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Operating Income, excluding |  |
| Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $\$$ | 95,675 |


| GAAP Measure |
| :---: |
| Average Daily Sales Growth <br> Thirteen <br> Weeks Ended <br> Twenty-Six <br> Warch 2, 2019 |
| $8.8 \%$ |
| Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 |


| GAAP Measure |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Operating Expenses as a |  |
| percentage of Net Sales |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $31.1 \%$ | $30.9 \%$ |


| GAAP Measure |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Operating Margin |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| $11.7 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ |


| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ende |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 201 |
| 6.1 \% | 6.0 \% |
| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| Gross Margin, excluding |  |
| Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ende |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 201 |
| 43.1 \% | 43.2 \% |
| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ende |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 201 |
| 31.2 \% | 30.9 \% |
| Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| Operating Margin, excluding Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ende |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 201 |
| 9 \% | 12.3 \% |


| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | Acquisitions | Provision (benefit) for income taxes, excluding Acquisitions |
| Thirteen Twenty-Six | Thirteen Twenty-Six | Thirteen Twenty-Six |


| Weeks Ended <br> March 2, 2019 | Weeks Ended <br> March 2, 2019 | Weeks Ended <br> March 2, 2019 | Weeks Ended March 2, 2019 | Weeks Ended <br> March 2, 2019 | Weeks Ended <br> March 2, 2019 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ 22,939 | \$ 47,815 | \$ (137) | \$ (207) | \$ 23,076 | \$ 48,022 |
| GAAP Measure |  | Items Affecting Comparability |  | Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| Net Income (loss) |  | Acquisitions |  | Net Income (loss), excluding Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six | Thirteen | Twenty-Six | Thirteen | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |
| \$ 68,430 | \$ 142,662 | \$ (416) | \$ (623) | \$ 68,846 | \$ 143,285 |
| GAAP Measure |  | Items Affecting Comparability |  | Non-GAAP Measure |  |
| d Earnings (loss) Share |  | Acquisitions |  | Diluted Earnings (loss) PerShare, excluding Acquisitions |  |
| Thirteen | Twenty-Six | Thirteen <br> Weeks Ended March 2, 2019 | Twenty-Six | Thirteen Weeks Ended March 2, 2019 | Twenty-Six |
| Weeks Ended | Weeks Ended |  | Weeks Ended |  | Weeks Ended |
| March 2, 2019 | March 2, 2019 |  | March 2, 2019 |  | March 2, 2019 |
| \$ 1.24 | \$ 2.56 | \$ | \$ (0.01) | \$ 1.24 | \$ 2.57 |

MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. AND SUBSIDIARIES Reconciliation of GAAP and Non-GAAP Information Guidance for Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019* (dollars in millions, except per share data)

| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure | GAAP Measure | Non-GAAP Measure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Average Daily Sales Growth Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Average Daily Sales Growth, excluding Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |
| \$ 882.6 | \$ 28.2 | \$ 854.4 | 6.5 \% | 4.0 \% |
| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure | GAAP Measure | Non-GAAP Measure |
| Gross Profit <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Gross Profit, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Gross Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Gross Margin, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |
| \$ 377.2 | \$ 7.6 | \$ 369.6 | 42.7 \% | 43.3 \% |
| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure | GAAP Measure | Non-GAAP Measure |
| Operating Expenses Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Expenses, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Expenses as a percentage of Net Sales, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |
| \$ 262.3 | \$ 6.9 | \$ 255.4 | 29.7 \% | 29.9 \% |
| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure | GAAP Measure | Non-GAAP Measure |
| Operating Income Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Income, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Margin Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Operating Margin, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |
| \$ 114.9 | \$ 0.7 | \$ 114.2 | 13.0 \% | 13.4 \% |
| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure |  |  |
| Net Income (loss) Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Net Income (loss), excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |  |  |
| \$ 82.8 | \$ (0.1) | \$ 82.9 |  |  |
| GAAP Measure | Items Affecting Comparability | Non-GAAP Measure |  |  |
| Diluted Earnings Per Share Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Acquisitions <br> Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 | Diluted Earnings Per Share, excluding Acquisitions Thirteen Weeks Ended June 1, 2019 |  |  |
| \$ 1.49 | \$ | \$ 1.49 |  |  |

* The data in the above tables represent the midpoint of management's guidance; see note regarding forward-looking statements

SOURCE MSC Industrial Supply Co.
 (704) 987-5313

