

MSC Industrial Supply Co. Announces Management Change

MELVILLE, N.Y. and DAVIDSON, N.C., Oct. 6, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- **MSC Industrial Supply Co. (NYSE: MSM)**, a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) products and services to industrial customers throughout North America, today announced that Edward Martin, Senior Vice President of Sales & Customer Success, has departed the company.

Kim Shacklett will assume the role of Interim Vice President of Sales & Customer Success. Shacklett joined MSC in 2006 as part of its acquisition of J&L Industrial Supply, where she previously spent 15 years. During her tenure with MSC, she has led the company's Customer Care, Metalworking Specialist and Telesales teams. Most recently, she led the digital transformation of Customer Care, overseeing the deployment of technologies to enhance the customer experience through omnichannel capabilities while driving productivity and reducing costs. She has developed a deep knowledge of MSC's industry, suppliers, customers and associates.

MSC President and CEO Erik Gershwind said, "I thank Eddie for laying the foundation for market share capture and improved execution. Kim is known for her authenticity, energy and unwavering demonstration of the values upon which our company was founded. I am excited that Kim will take the reins to head our sales efforts. She is the right person to build upon the growing momentum and market share capture we see in the business as we execute our Mission Critical transformation."

MSC will report fiscal 2021 fourth quarter and full-year results on Oct. 20, 2021.

About MSC Industrial Supply Co.

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 approximately 1.9 million products, inventory management and other supply chain solutions, and deep expertise from 80 years of working with customers across industries. Our experienced team of more than 6,200 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 Industrial, please visit mscdirect.com.

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headquarters or our customer fulfillment centers; disruptions or breaches of our information systems, or violations of data privacy laws; the retention of qualified sales and customer service personnel and metalworking specialists; the risk of loss of key suppliers or key brands or supply chain disruptions, including due to import restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic; changes to governmental trade policies, including the impact from significant import restrictions or tariffs; risks related to opening or expanding our customer fulfillment centers; our ability to estimate the cost of healthcare claims incurred under our self-insurance plan; litigation risk due to the nature of our business; risks associated with the integration of acquired businesses or other strategic transactions; financial restrictions on outstanding borrowings; our ability to maintain our credit facilities; the interest rate uncertainty due to the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") reform; the failure to comply with applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including government action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and other laws applicable to our business; the outcome of government or regulatory proceedings or future litigation; goodwill and intangible assets recorded resulting from our acquisitions could be impaired; our common stock price may be volatile due to factors outside of our control; and our principal shareholders exercise significant control over us, which may result in our taking actions or failing to take actions that are in the best interests of other shareholders. 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 our Annual and Quarterly Reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, respectively, and in the other reports and documents that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We expressly disclaim any obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable law.

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