MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Declares Regular Quarterly Dividend

MELVILLE, N.Y., Dec. 22, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- **MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.** (NYSE: MSM), "MSC" or the "Company," one of the largest direct marketers and premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, announced that its Board of Directors has declared its regular quarterly cash dividend of $0.22 per share. The dividend is payable on January 25, 2011 to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 11, 2011.

About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the largest direct marketers and premier 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 to approximately 320,000 customers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day standard delivery to the contiguous United States on qualifying orders up until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. MSC reaches its customers through a combination of approximately 22 million direct-mail catalogs, 96 branch sales offices, 973 sales people, the Internet and associations with some of the world's most prominent B2B eCommerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at http://www.mscdirect.com.

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