

MSC Industrial Direct Donates to the Relief Efforts in Haiti **Will match Associates' contributions of up to \$100,000 to benefit Hope for Haiti**

Melville, New York, January 27, 2010 – MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. today announced plans to hold a fundraiser to raise money for the organization Hope for Haiti that will run from January 25th until February 8th. For every dollar an associate donates to Hope for Haiti, MSC will match it up to \$100,000. Hope for Haiti is a non-profit organization that has been working for over 20 years to help make a difference in the lives of the Haitian people.

David Sandler, CEO of MSC Industrial Direct said, “When the news broke on the catastrophe, we knew that as a company we needed to help with the relief effort and help the victims of Haiti. Every year we observe Founder’s Day on the birthday of our Founder, Sid Jacobson. As part of our observance, we make a donation to a charity or philanthropic organization in Sid’s name. Given the devastation in Haiti, there was no question that we should focus our efforts there. We chose Hope for Haiti because of their dedication to helping improve the lives of the Haitian people, especially children. Although this donation is made in honor of our Founder, it is truly on behalf of all of our associates, particularly those who have lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy. Our thoughts are with the people of Haiti as they begin to rebuild their lives, and we remain committed to supporting this effort.”

For more information about Hope for Haiti please go to www.hopeforhaiti.com.

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 distributes approximately 600,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 343,000 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 29 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 97 branch sales offices, 939 sales people, the Internet and associations with some of the world's most prominent B2B e-commerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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