

## **MSC Industrial Supply Co., Inc. to Unveil Indirect Procurement Strategy for MRO**

Melville, New York, October 7, 2009 – MSC Industrial Supply Co., Inc. will be the official lunch sponsor of Purchasing Magazine's Smart Sourcing Summit on October 13 – 14 in Rosemont, Illinois. The Summit will deliver must-have information about supply chain and risk management on a global, national and regional scale in a post-recession economy.

Day two of the Summit will feature a presentation by Steve Baruch, Vice President of National Accounts at MSC, who will unveil the findings of MSC's newest white paper, "Strategic Opportunities for Indirect MRO Procurement." The lunchtime talk will focus on best practices used by the country's leading distributor of metalworking, maintenance, repair and operations supplies to explore cost savings and optimization opportunities within the Indirect MRO Procurement process.

"The opportunities for cost savings and optimization within Indirect MRO procurement are limitless but they cannot be achieved without a disciplined, systematic, multi-dimensional approach to the process," said Mr. Baruch. "The implementation of this new practice will drive value for the Indirect supply chain, and we look forward to imparting this information to other procurement professionals at the Smart Sourcing Summit."

### About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes approximately 590,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 364,000 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 27 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 97 branch sales offices, 912 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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