

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Releases New Safety Products Catalog **Catalog expands beyond safety to provide total customer solutions for industrial supply professionals**

Melville, New York, February 9, 2009 – MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc., one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (“MRO”) supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, has released its new 2009 Safety Products Catalog. With more than 800 pages, the comprehensive guide features 40,000 personal and facility safety related products.

To expand the depth and breadth of the catalog, MSC utilized extensive customer research and feedback from strategic suppliers. The result is a significant improvement from MSC’s 750 page 2008 release with an additional 20,000 products targeted not only at metalworking and general industry but also food processing, education, utilities, health care and aerospace markets.

“Our close relationships with customers and suppliers allow us to develop and provide an ideal mix of cutting edge, industry leading products that meet the safety and compliance needs of each customer,” said Anthony Testa, Business Manager, MRO Product Management. “This commitment to service, quality and innovation is key to the continued growth of the catalog.”

Included in the expansion of the 2009 safety catalog are eyewear, clothing, gloves, ergonomic supports, anti-fatigue matting, eyewash/drench showers and spill control products. A key addition to the catalog is the introduction of the PRO-SAFETM brand, a full safety solution that offers customers high quality products crossing multiple product categories at a competitive price. The catalog also features expanded inventories of a wide range of brands, including 3M, NMC, Kimberly Clark, Sperian and Crews.

In addition to print, the 2009 Safety Products Catalog is available in a new online format at <http://www.mscdirect.com>. With drop down menus, improved search functions and streamlined product categories, the online catalog is an intuitive one-stop shop for comprehensive safety solutions, complementary products and value-added services.

To order MSC's 2009 Safety Products Catalog, please call 800.645.7270.

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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