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MSA Declares Third Quarter Dividend

PITTSBURGH, August 4, 2011– The Board of Directors of MSA (NYSE: MSA) today declared a third quarter dividend of 26 cents per share on common stock, payable September 10, 2011 to shareholders of record on August 18, 2011.

The Board also declared a dividend of 56-1/4 cents per share on preferred stock, payable September 1, 2011 to shareholders of record on August 18, 2011.

About MSA:

Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of sophisticated safety products that protect people's health and safety. Sophisticated safety products typically integrate any combination of electronics, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life-threatening situations. The company's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in the fire service, homeland security, construction and other industries, as well as the military. Principal products include self-contained breathing apparatus, gas masks, gas detection instruments, head protection, respirators and thermal imaging cameras. The company also provides a broad range of consumer and contractor safety products through retail channels. MSA has annual sales of approximately \$1 billion, manufacturing operations on six continents, and 42 international locations. Additional information is available on the company's Web site at www.msanet.com.

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