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MSA Schedules First Quarter Earnings Webcast

PITTSBURGH, April 12, 2012 – MSA (NYSE: MSA), the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of products that protect people's health and safety, announced today that it will broadcast a first quarter 2012 earnings conference call live via the Internet on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The call will last approximately 45 minutes.

Investors and interested parties will have the opportunity to listen to the conference call live at www.MSAsafety.com. Please log onto MSA's Web site 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to register. It may be necessary to download audio software to hear the conference call. To do so, investors should click on the Earnings Conference Call link on MSA's Web site and follow the related directions. A replay of the conference call will be available on MSA's Web site for 30 days.

A press release outlining MSA's first quarter financial results for 2012 will be distributed on April 25, 2012 before the market opens.

Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. Many MSA products integrate a 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 a broad range of industries, including the fire service, the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, construction, mining and utilities, as well as the military. Principal products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, handheld gas detection instruments, head protection products, fall protection devices and thermal imaging cameras. The company also provides a broad range of consumer and contractor safety products through a joint venture with MCR Safety. These products are marketed and sold under the Safety Works® brand. MSA, based north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., has annual sales of approximately \$1.2 billion, manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and 42 international locations. Additional information is available on the company's Web site at www.MSAsafety.com. Information on Safety Works products can be found at www.SafetyWorks.com.