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## MSA Declares First Quarter Dividend

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*PITTSBURGH, January 15, 2013* – The Board of Directors of MSA (NYSE: MSA) today declared a first quarter dividend of 28 cents per share on common stock, payable March 10, 2013 to shareholders of record on February 15, 2013.

The Board also declared a dividend of 56-1/4 cents per share on preferred stock, payable March 1, 2013 to shareholders of record on February 15, 2013.

### *About MSA*

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*Established in 1914, MSA is the 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](http://www.MSAsafety.com). Information on Safety Works products can be found at [www.SafetyWorks.com](http://www.SafetyWorks.com).*

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