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MSA Declares First Quarter Dividend

PITTSBURGH, January 12, 2016 – The Board of Directors of MSA (NYSE: MSA) today declared a first quarter dividend of 32 cents per share on common stock, payable March 10, 2016 to shareholders of record on February 16, 2016.

The Board also declared a dividend of 56-1/4 cents per share on preferred stock, payable March 1, 2016 to shareholders of record on February 16, 2016.

About MSA

Established in 1914, MSA Safety Incorporated 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 markets, including the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, the fire service, the construction industry, mining and the military. The company's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, industrial head protection, fire and rescue helmets and fall protection devices. With 2014 revenues of \$1.1 billion, MSA employs approximately 4,600 people worldwide. The company is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. With more than 40 international locations, MSA realizes approximately half of its revenue from outside North America. For more information visit MSA's website at www.MSAafety.com.

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