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New integrated harness options for MSA's award-winning Latchways® Personal Rescue Device

August 2016 – **MSA's Latchways Personal Rescue Device® (PRD®)** - the self-rescue in a backpack - delivers both fall arrest and rescue functions and is now available with new integrated harness options.

The PRD self-rescue solution can complete a worker's rescue from 20 metres above the ground in just 27 seconds, safely and with no specialist training needed. The unobtrusive system is contained within a lightweight backpack integrated onto a choice of hardwearing harnesses. In the event of a fall, the worker is first suspended and then gently lowered to the ground in a controlled descent.

The multi-award winning PRD is used in conjunction with an engineered fall protection system or anchor point and offers users a combined PPE solution with a descent function. In the event of a fall, the descent mechanism is activated by pulling a ripcord, from which a 20 metre line with a braking function is released to lower a worker smoothly to safety. Once on the ground, a quick release of the harness allows the worker to safely leave the area.

Should a worker be unable to activate the descent cord themselves, a colleague can activate the PRD's built-in secondary descent release mechanism situated on the back of the device, via a rescue pole.

The Latchways PRD is now available with MSA's Workman Premier lightweight harness which weighs just 1.27 kg and the Workman Utility Full Body harness, a versatile all-rounder designed for both indoor and outdoor construction and maintenance work

The ability to specify a one-stop self-rescue solution is a customer benefit of the recent amalgamation of the two safety companies' expertise, as MSA's COO for the Latchways brand, Gavan Duff, explains: "Our customers can reap the rewards that both great companies bring. Specifically, this means our ability to focus on providing world-leading solutions for our customers' fall protection needs. With the addition of Latchways engineering innovation to the wide ranging MSA portfolio we have significantly strengthened our offering in fall protection and our customers can only benefit from that strength."

For further information on the MSA Latchways PRD please visit MSAsafety.com.

About MSA Latchways

The MSA Latchways engineered fall protection products are part of the MSA Safety Group portfolio. The Latchways® product range from MSA offers fall protection to cater for a wide range of industries and applications including: construction, aerospace, industry, oil and gas, telecoms, utilities, power distribution and tourism. With over 100 patents registered, MSA Latchways work-at-height solutions are found the world over from the Olympic Stadium in London to the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia. Based in Devizes, England, the Latchways site is a designated Centre of Excellence for MSA Safety fall protection and employs 250 people.

Established in 1914 and with revenues of \$1.1 billion, MSA Safety employs approximately 5000 people worldwide. The company has its headquarters north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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