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MSA Elects Anne Herman to Vice President

PITTSBURGH, August 30, 2016 – The Board of Directors of MSA (NYSE: MSA) has elected Anne Herman, 54, to the position of Chief Customer Officer and Vice President of Global Quality.

Ms. Herman began her career with MSA in 1984 as an assistant chemist. Over her 32 years with the company, she has held a variety of positions within MSA's R&D, Quality, Standards Compliance, and Operations groups. From 2012 to 2015 Ms. Herman served as Director of Global Quality and, in that capacity, led the implementation of several new global processes that helped improve quality and the overall MSA customer experience. In October of last year, Ms. Herman was promoted to Chief Customer Officer and Executive Director of Global Quality.

“Anne’s election to Vice President reflects the many contributions she has made to MSA over her long and successful career with the company,” said William M. Lambert, Chairman, President and CEO. “It further indicates the confidence that I, the Board of Directors and the other officers of the company have in Anne’s ability to lead our global Customer Experience and Quality functions, both of which are more critical than ever as we work to grow our business by capturing market share and strengthening our customers’ delight and satisfaction with the MSA brand.”

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A native of Pittsburgh, Ms. Herman earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Bucknell University and an MBA from Duquesne University. She is also a member of the Graduate and Executive Programs Advisory Council (GEPAC) for the Palumbo Donahue School of Business at Duquesne University. Ms. Herman sits on the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh and is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt. In 2013, she was recognized by The Manufacturing Institute, Deloitte, the University of Phoenix, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers with the *Women in Manufacturing STEP* (Science, Technology, Engineering and Production) Award.

Note to Local Editors: Ms. Herman and her family reside in Cranberry Township, Pa.

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. MSA's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, industrial head protection products, fire and rescue helmets, and fall protection devices. With 2015 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 web site at www.MSAafety.com.

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