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Dear MSA Shareholder,

On February 27, 2014, the Board of Directors of Mine Safety Appliances Company approved the realignment of the company under a new holding company structure that will trade under the name MSA Safety Incorporated. The realignment is expected to be completed in March 2014. The New York Stock Exchange ticker symbol will remain MSA. Under Pennsylvania law, shareholder approval is not required for this realignment.

No action is needed on your part as each share of Mine Safety Appliances Company's outstanding common and preferred stock will be converted to a share of common and preferred stock of MSA Safety Incorporated. As a result, each shareholder of Mine Safety Appliances Company will become the owner of an identical number of shares of common and preferred stock of MSA Safety Incorporated and will cease to own any shares of Mine Safety Appliances Company. The shares of common and preferred stock of MSA Safety Incorporated will have the same designations, rights, powers, and preferences and the same qualifications, limitations and restrictions, as the shares of Mine Safety Appliances Company immediately prior to the reorganization. For shareholders with paper share certificates, you will not need to return or exchange your existing certificates, and no new paper certificates will be issued. Share certificates representing outstanding Mine Safety Appliances Company common and preferred stock will be deemed to represent the same number and type of shares of MSA Safety Incorporated.

The transaction will not affect the timing of the payment of the dividend declared by Mine Safety Appliances Company on January 14, 2014. Shareholders of record of Mine Safety Appliances Company common stock as of February 14, 2014, will receive payment of the dividend on March 10, 2014.

As previously announced, MSA Safety Incorporated will hold this year's annual meeting of shareholders on May 6, 2014. Only holders of record of MSA Safety Incorporated common stock on March 11, 2014, will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

For a more detailed discussion of the realignment, please reference the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by MSA Safety Incorporated on March 3, 2014 or MSA Safety Incorporated's website at MSASafety.com.

Thank you, for your interest in MSA.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William M. Lambert". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William M. Lambert
President and CEO