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MSA Awarded Supply Contract with Fire & Rescue NSW for Structural Firefighting Helmets and Communications Systems

PITTSBURGH, February 6, 2015—MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA), today announced that its Australian affiliate has been selected as the preferred supplier of new Structural Firefighting Helmets and In-built Communication Systems to Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW). This tender for firefighter helmets is one of the largest of its kind in the world.

In the coming months, MSA Australia will supply the Gallet F1 XF Structural Fire Helmet to more than 6,800 fire officers located around New South Wales. The new equipment features in-built radio technology and lighting, which provides firefighters with greater protection and clearer communications during emergency situations. The new helmets enable firefighters to clearly communicate with each other, even when wearing self-contained breathing apparatus.

“We are very honored and humbled to have this opportunity to help protect those who protect us each and every day,” said Victor Vendetti, Managing Director for MSA Australia.

The new helmets also provide firefighters with greater protection from heat and falling debris. In addition to an integrated communications system, the F1 XF Helmet includes other innovative features such as lighting and adjustable eye protection.

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"The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that our firefighters have the best equipment available to them, and has committed more than \$7 million to this project," said Stuart Ayres, Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

"An extensive process was undertaken to identify the best product on the market and we know that we've achieved a great result," Fire & Rescue NSW Commissioner Greg Mullins said. "Fire officers have to deal with life-threatening situations on a daily basis, and they deserve the best protection money can buy. What's more, the new 'jet style' helmets look quite different, and the level of protection they provide is a generation above the current style of helmet, first adopted in 1993."

The in-built radio communications equipment means that it will be easier for officers to hear each other at emergency scenes and to communicate about complex firefighting and rescue operations - this can quite literally mean the difference between life and death.

The roll-out of the new helmets will begin in March, with the majority of FRNSW's 6,800 fire officers scheduled to receive their new helmets by the end of June.

For more information contact MSA Australia on 1300 728 627 or visit www.MSAsafety.com

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, head protection products and fall protection devices. With 2013 revenues of \$1.1 billion, MSA employs approximately 5,300 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.MSAsafety.com.

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