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MSA Wins ‘Best in Show’ at National Safety Council Conference
Company’s New Fall Protection Device Shines in New Product Showcase

PITTSBURGH, October 25, 2016 – MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) today announced that its new Latchways Leading Edge Self-Retracting Lanyard (SRL) won *Best in Show* at the 2016 National Safety Council Congress and Expo in Anaheim, Calif. A fall protection device, the Leading Edge SRL is designed to protect workers should a fall occur off of the edge of a structure.

The *Best in Show* New Product Showcase Awards provides manufacturers and show exhibitors the opportunity to highlight their newest and most innovative safety products. Only two other firms received *Best in Show* awards, out of the 120 new and innovative safety products showcased at the conference, which draws more than 14,000 attendees annually.

In late 2015, MSA acquired Latchways plc, a United Kingdom-based provider of innovative fall protection systems and solutions, and instantly doubled its global fall protection business. The move strengthened MSA’s position in what is widely considered to be one of the fastest-growing segments of the global safety market.

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“On behalf of everyone at MSA, we’re honored to be recognized for our innovations in fall protection,” said Nish Vartanian, President, MSA Americas. “Knowing that our products must keep people safe when their lives are on the line is a responsibility we take incredibly serious, and we’re committed to continuing to advance the level of protection we provide to workers around the world.”

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 product line 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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