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Europe's Largest Rail Project SEA selects MSA V-Gard 500 Helmet

BERLIN, July 2013 – With its premium helmet model V-Gard 500, MSA has won the safety helmet contract for the construction site of the SEA Tours-Bordeaux high-speed line rail project, covering a distance of 302 kilometres to provide a continuous high speed link between Paris and Bordeaux. Europe's longest rail project with more than 7,000 people involved is led by Vinci Construction, the global construction leader with more than 190,000 workers around the world.



Vinci was looking for a high quality helmet with a robust badge holder at the front to include "InCaseOfEmergency" information and quickly identify each worker on the site: name, ID picture, skills, electrical works authorisation and driving licence. In close cooperation with Vinci – the expert in construction works – MSA has developed a unique badge holder for the V-Gard 500 helmet. *"We liked MSA's comfortable V-Gard 500 with its one-handed ratchet and the logo printing quality. However the exemplary responsiveness to our special badge holder request and the ability to deliver the first batches of helmets with such short lead times truly convinced us to select MSA as our future partner. As well as the fact that MSA is the manufacturer of high tech fire fighting and pilot helmets."*, said Vinci Construction Safety Officer Julien Bouchez. The large range of accessories, such as chinstraps, passive ear muffs, terry sweatband for summer, knit cap for winter or the face hugging eyewear Altimeter, covers all the specific applications of the huge construction site. V-Gard is a complete Head, Eye, Face and Hearing Protection System. All options and accessories have been developed and approved in combination with each other to ensure perfect fit, great comfort and modern design.

The SEA rail project was just the beginning of the MSA V-Gard 500 success story with Vinci. MSA helmets are now present in all construction sites managed by Vinci in the West and South West of France, including the construction of the new Bordeaux football stadium, which will be one of the ten stadiums for the 2016 UEFA Championship.

About MSA

Established in 1914, MSA 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 industries, including the fire service, the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, construction, mining and utilities, as well as the military. Principal products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, handheld gas detection instruments, head protection products, fall protection devices and thermal imaging cameras.

MSA, based north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., has annual sales of approximately \$1.2 billion, manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and 42 international locations.

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