

CommerceHub Supports MSC Industrial Direct Supplier Network

One Connection Platform Provides Electronic Compliance for MSC Suppliers

Albany, NY – January 15, 2009 – CommerceHub, the [Supply-on-Demand platform](#) for supply chain integration and fulfillment solutions, today announced its integration support of the MSC Industrial Direct distribution network. MSC Industrial Direct (MSC) is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) suppliers to industrial customers throughout the United States. CommerceHub is providing integration services for MSC to facilitate and give visibility to electronic communications between MSC and its fulfillment partners.

“Our same day shipping guarantee and cutting edge stocking system is supported by MSC suppliers who are electronically compliant with the MSC distribution network,” said Charles Bonomo, CIO at MSC Industrial Direct. “CommerceHub provides a one connection option to suppliers, large or small.”

The MSC Industrial Direct distribution network, which distributes approximately 590,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers, has three fulfillment models that are supported by the CommerceHub platform: direct ship to customers, direct ship to its over 97 branch offices, and replenishment orders for MSC’s four major customer fulfillment centers.

“We add new suppliers and products continually,” said Greg Polli, Vice President of Product Management at MSC Industrial Direct. “Therefore, the reliability of CommerceHub to quickly integrate and on-board suppliers is critical to that effort.”

The CommerceHub ‘One Connection’ integration standardizes order management communications with industrial suppliers, regardless of legacy technology format, providing electronic compliance, order visibility and proactive monitoring of the fulfillment process. CommerceHub provides a custom web interface to enable suppliers to communicate with MSC without technical integration of their existing IT networks. The interface provides tools to download purchase orders, upload purchase order acknowledgements, confirmations, cancellations, and invoices. It also provides exception management workflow and supply chain performance reporting.

“Our flexible integration technology and scalable platform enable CommerceHub to rapidly and efficiently integrate any size supplier with all the MSC fulfillment models and we are pleased to be supporting an industry leader in Metalworking and MRO Supply,” said Steve Hamlin, CommerceHub CEO.

About CommerceHub

CommerceHub is the industry's leading provider of fulfillment and integration solutions for retailers and wholesale distribution companies. With nearly a decade of experience working with Top 25 retailers, distribution supply chains and a wide array of major brand name suppliers, CommerceHub manages more than \$4 billion in goods annually on behalf of such industry leaders as Costco, QVC, Staples, Circuit City, drugstore.com, Ty's Toy Box, Kmart, Sears, Toys "R" Us, Walgreens, Dell, Toshiba, Sanyo, Minolta, Gateway and Little Tikes.

For information on the CommerceHub Supply-on-Demand platform, Universal Connection Hub, and Drop Ship Master, visit our website at www.commercehub.com.

About MSC Industrial Direct

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes approximately 590,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 364,000 customers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day standard delivery to the contiguous United States on qualifying orders up until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. MSC reaches its customers through a combination of approximately 27 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 97 branch sales offices, 912 sales people, the internet and associations with some of the world's most prominent B2B e-commerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at www.mscdirect.com.