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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. CELEBRATES NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

MSC Educates Associates about Men's Health Issues in Hopes of Prevention and Early Detection of Widespread Diseases

Melville, NY, June 15, 2009 – MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. ("MSC"), one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and MRO supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, today announced it is beginning a new tradition in celebrating National Men's Health Week, observed the week of June 15th, leading up to and ending on Father's Day. MSC will dedicate the week to educating its associates at its Melville Customer Support Center (CSC) about men's health issues in hopes of prevention and early detection of prevalent men's diseases including, heart disease, kidney disease, cancer, Alzheimer's and diabetes.

MSC will be undertaking the following initiatives for their associates to honor Men's Health Week:

- MSC will be making a donation to Men's Health Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the well being of men, boys, and their families
- Distribution of educational pamphlets from The American Cancer Society, The American Heart Association, and the Diabetes Association of America with important information on prevalent Men's diseases
- Special food items that help fight specific diseases that are among the top causes of death for men will be featured on the menu at Sid's Place, MSC's cafeteria; the special men's health week food item will be designated by a blue ribbon symbol on the menu
- Special dress-down day asking associates to wear blue articles of clothing, the color for men's health week
- Blue awareness pins will be distributed to associates

"We at MSC are proud to show our commitment to educating our associates on men's health issues," said Chief Executive Officer David Sandler. "We celebrate this week to raise awareness of the most common diseases that affect men, in hopes of prevention and early detection."

Marie Cimaglia, Regional Vice President, American Cancer Society said "Our collaboration with MSC encouraging men everywhere to make healthy living a part of everyday life is critical in our mission of creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays." She added, "Whether it's helping people kick the tobacco habit, giving them tips and tools to eat right and exercise, or promoting cancer screening tests, the American Cancer Society is helping men stay healthy – and stay well."

During Men's Health Week, MSC will also be inaugurating a new walk path that has been created in the company's parking lot on Friday, June 19th, as a way to close out the week's event. MSC will be holding three walks to allow all associates the chance to participate during their lunch breaks. The walks will consist of one lap around the path.

"It is critical for our associates to understand the key role that prevention and early detection play in the fight against all of the diseases that men suffer from nationwide", said Alessandra Cavalluzzi, Senior Manager of Community Relations for MSC.

National Men's Health Week is observed June 15th – 21st. For more information National Men's Health Week please visit the Men's Health Network website at www.menshealthnetwork.org. Also check the Community Relations page of MSC Industrial Direct, at <http://www.mscdirect.com> for information on this and other community events sponsored by MSC Industrial Direct.

About MSC Industrial Direct

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