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MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. DONATES TO MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK

MSC has been a proud supporter of The American Cancer Society for over 10 years

Melville, NY, November 4, 2009 – MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. (“MSC”), one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and MRO supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, announced its continued support of the American Cancer Society through a \$10,000 donation as a Flagship Sponsor of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. MSC associates, together with their relatives and friends, participated in the national event this past month by joining thousands of supporters and breast cancer survivors at Jones Beach State Park walk.

“As a Flagship Sponsor of the 2009 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, we at MSC are excited to participate in this event, and show our support for our community,” said CEO David Sandler. “Cancer affects everyone, not just the patient. At MSC we are dedicated to these programs because our associates tell us that cancer-related activities are among their greatest priorities for philanthropy.”

“Thanks to the leadership and passion of our local Flagship Sponsor, MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc., more people are motivated to fight back against breast cancer and together, we save more lives”, said Anne Thorsen, Senior Director of Special Events for the American Cancer Society. “Flagship Sponsors are the heart and soul of this annual event. I would like to thank MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. for stepping up, inspiring hope for people facing breast cancer, and empowering people to make a difference.”

Throughout the month of October, MSC and its associates supported a number of other cancer-related events, including the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk and Lee National Denim Day. Also in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the trees and entryways around MSC on Maxess Road and Corporate Center Drive are decorated with pink ribbons, and pink lights illuminate the walkway and entrances leading into the building.

“The pink ribbons and lights are done to demonstrate MSC’s support for the cause, but even more important is that they serve as a visual reminder of the key role that prevention and early detection play in the fight against breast cancer,” said Alessandra Cavalluzzi, Senior Manager of Community Relations for MSC.

The following are more details about the events sponsored by MSC:

- American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer took place at Long Island’s Jones Beach State Park on October 18th. As a flagship sponsor, MSC had a tent on the grounds. For more information about Making Strides Against Breast Cancer visit www.cancer.org.
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s Light the Night Walk, took place on October 16 at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow, NY. Participants carried flashing lights to show their support and commemorate lives touched by cancer: white lights are carried by survivors; red lights are carried by supporters. For more information, visit www.lightthenight.org.

- Lee National Denim Day took place at MSC on Oct. 1st and Oct. 2nd. Participants made a \$5 donation to be able to wear denim to work. Donations benefit the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Women's Cancer Programs. For more information about the Entertainment Industry Foundation and Lee National Denim Day, please visit www.denimday.com.

About MSC Industrial Direct

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the largest direct marketers and premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes approximately 600,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 343,000 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 29 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 97 branch sales offices, 939 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 <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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