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### **MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Launches 2009/2010 Big Book®**

Melville, New York, August 20, 2009 – MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc., one of the country's leading distributors of metalworking and maintenance, repair and operation supplies, continues to support industrial customers throughout the United States with the release of the 2009/2010 Big Book. The catalog will be available online and in print on September 1, 2009.

With more than 500,000 items, MSC's annual Big Book is the industry's largest catalog of metalworking and MRO supplies. The 2009/2010 edition includes over 21,000 new customer-focused products from top industry brand names such as Beyond® by Kennametal™, Accupro®, Emerson Power Transmissions, Glide Maxx, Schunk and Natures Solution™, MSC's exclusive brand of environmentally friendly cleaning products. MSC has enhanced the catalog by adding color, technical information, facts and guidelines to help customers select the right products for their applications.

"The Big Book features more than 40 product categories and more than 2,000 name brand suppliers," said Lisa Wilson, Sr. Marketing Manager at MSC Industrial Supply. "This offering is specifically designed to help our customers strengthen their supply chain solutions, and with four strategically located Customer Fulfillment Centers, we are able to guarantee same day shipping and next day delivery across the country on most items."

To order MSC's 2009/2010 Big Book, please visit <http://www.mscdirect.com> or call 800.645.7270.

#### About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

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, 927 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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