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**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. RECEIVES  
BOEING PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Melville, NY, July 9, 2008 - MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.,** "MSC" or the "Company," one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, has been selected as a recipient of a Boeing Performance Excellence Award for 2007. The Boeing Company presents Performance Excellence Awards annually to recognize superior performance by its suppliers. Award recipients are chosen based on a composite score, which includes customer satisfaction factors along with performance ratings and service metrics. The primary criteria used in selecting recipients is quality and on time delivery. MSC was awarded a Gold Level Excellence Award, which is the highest level awarded by Boeing, given out to roughly 1% of Boeing suppliers.

"MSC is honored to receive this recognition from Boeing for supplier excellence. Boeing continues to be one of MSC's most valued customers," stated Scott Pierce, National Account Manager for MSC. "This award represents MSC's dedication to meeting the needs of Boeing and our other valued customers. We strive to meet and exceed customer expectations, whether it's by providing same day shipping or guaranteed pricing. We look forward to maintaining our best-in-class standing as one of Boeing's preferred suppliers."

The Boeing Performance Excellence Award was presented to MSC on April 17th in San Diego, CA. Scott Pierce along with Greg Duran, MSC National Accounts Team Manager, were present at the awards ceremony. When asked to comment on the award and the ceremony, Greg Duran stated, "It was a true honor to be recognized by Boeing, particularly since the other award winners included industry leaders such as 3M, GE Global Research, Sun Microsystems, Oracle, EMC, and American Semiconductor. Our whole team is proud to be recognized with these great companies, and we plan to work hard to maintain our status as one of Boeing's award winning suppliers."

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

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operation ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes in excess of 550,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 379,000 customers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day, standard ground delivery to the majority of the industrial United States. MSC reaches its customers through a combination of approximately 30 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 98 branch sales offices, 875 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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