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**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC. LAUNCHES 2008 MOTOR
CATALOG WITH OVER TWICE AS MANY SKU'S
AS PREVIOUS CATALOG**

Melville, NY, June 27, 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 launched its 2008 Motor Catalog with a substantial number of new brands, new product categories, and over twice as many product SKU's as the company's successful 2006 Motor Catalog. The new Motor Catalog can be accessed online at <http://www.mscdirect.com> or to request a printed catalog, call MSC customer service at 800-645-7270.

When asked how the 2008 Motor Catalog was developed, John Mingst, Product Manager, stated, "The 2008 catalog was developed totally based on our customer's input and feedback. We asked them what the ideal motor catalog resource would contain and we designed this year's catalog and product offering to deliver that. It all begins with our Emerson motors program. Emerson is our driving partner in the delivery of our motors program. We feel Emerson being the largest motor manufacturer in the world offers the most comprehensive coverage of motors to meet our customer's demanding needs. Their quality and motor performance is second to none and it is with this confidence that they are the motor of choice for our customers. Customers told us they wanted more specific application motors. The 2008 catalog now contains over 1,200 motors including pump and hazardous duty motors from Emerson."

New to the 2008 catalog is a comprehensive offering of gearmotors from Bison, speed reducers from Boston Gear and Morse, and accessories to support our customer's needs. These industry-leading companies have over 200 years of combined experience in producing premium quality products.

The popular Interchange section of the 2006 catalog has been significantly expanded for 2008. This easy reference tool lets customers enter a motor identification number for popular brands and quickly determine what MSC products are replacements for their engine. This ensures they get the right replacement motors quickly and easily.

When asked about his expectations for the new Motor Catalog, Erik Gershwind, Senior V.P. of Product Management and Marketing, commented, "All of our programs at MSC are customer driven. I'm excited about the new Motor Catalog as it delivers a superior motor resource to our customers. We're excited to get it into the marketplace and expect the motor segment of our business to continue to show strong growth as a result of meeting our customer needs with superior products, service, and support."

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 B2Be-commerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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