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MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.'s 2010 Norton Abrasives Products Catalog Ideal for Metalworking Customers

Melville, New York, February 26, 2010 – MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. today announced the release of its 2010 Norton Abrasives Products Catalog. As a brand of Saint-Gobain, a world leader in manufacturing, Norton is the world's leading supplier of bonded abrasives, with more than 250,000 types and sizes, most custom-designed and engineered for specific applications.

“Our relationship with MSC dates back to 1981, and we continue to be impressed with the company’s sales teams and logistical capabilities,” said Glenn Knowlton, VP Sales and Marketing, Saint Gobain Abrasives. “We are excited about showcasing our premium performing products for right angle grinders in conjunction with MSC. Together we can reach a broader range of customers and offer both product solutions and reliable service.”

The 32-page catalog will feature 937 products and focus on right angle grinding. Included in the broad selection of abrasive products will be:

- Depressed center wheels
- Cut-off wheels
- Flap discs
- Fiber discs
- Sanding and surface prep quick-change discs
- PSA discs

“The strength of MSC distribution combined with Norton Abrasives Products is a powerful package for metalworking customers who need abrasives that will help them achieve tighter part tolerances, higher quality surface finishes and improved productivity,” said Greg Polli, Vice-President, Product Management and Global Sourcing, MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.

To review MSC's Norton Abrasives Catalog or to receive a copy, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com> – Special Offers.

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 600,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 336,000 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, 99 branch sales offices, 947 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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