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**MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT, CO., INC. PARTNERS
WITH ISLAND HARVEST
FOR TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY**

Between 80 and 100 children expected to participate in educational programs

Melville, NY, April 21, 2008 – **MSC INDUSTRIAL DIRECT CO., INC.** (“MSC”), one of the premier distributors of MRO supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States, announced today that it is partnering with Island Harvest for this year’s Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, which will be Thursday, April 24. In addition, MSC is making a \$5,000 donation to the national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day Foundation. MSC’s Customer Support Center in Melville, all of the distribution centers, and many of the company’s branch locations are participating in the event.

MSC is a leader in the national program and goes beyond having children shadow their parents for the day. Instead, a group of associates from all MSC departments builds age-appropriate activities for students in grades 3 to 12, with an emphasis on community awareness and charitable giving.

MSC’s leadership in this event has been recognized nationally: MSC Industrial Direct Community Relations Manager Alessandra Cavalluzzi was named to the national Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation’s advisory board earlier this year. In this role, Ms. Cavalluzzi works directly with educational and business leaders on strategies to include companies in the program.

“We are very proud of our program for Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, as we help expose our associates’ children to the world of work and to MSC,” said Eileen McGuire, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, of MSC Industrial Direct. “We are also very proud of Alessandra’s appointment to the board because it represents MSC’s commitment to the cause.”

“MSC has an impressive record with Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work, and we knew that we wanted to tap Alessandra for her expertise,” said Carolyn McKecuen, foundation President. “The Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Foundation will greatly benefit from Alessandra’s perspective as a corporate leader of the program.”

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Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work began under the Ms. Foundation, which sponsored the original Take Our Daughters To Work Day. The Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation is dedicated to developing innovative strategies that empower children to reach their full potential and live fulfilling lives.

At MSC, the company expects between 80 and 100 students to participate at the Melville headquarters for the day-long activities. This year's theme is "Making Choices for a Better World," and the following activities are planned:

- Grades 3 to 5: Students will partner with Island Harvest for the Kids Alliance, Weekend Food to Go Program, and will be decorating a small canvas bag and child's drinking mug, as well as making friendship bracelets and bookmarks. The bags, with healthy fun snacks, will be donated to Island Harvest.
- Grades 6 to 8: children will create skits on themes including integrity, career choice, community involvement, then film the skits and present to larger audience in afternoon.
- Grades 9 to 12: This group will develop an advertisement or a public service announcement for the younger groups about real-life situation such as peer pressure, bullying, education choices, career choices and sports participation. This advertisement will also be filmed and presented at the end of the day to the larger group.

Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day will be Thursday, April 24, 2008. For more information, please visit the foundation's website at <http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org> or the community page of MSC Industrial Direct, at <http://www.mscdirect.com>

About MSC Industrial Direct

MSC Industrial Direct 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 384,000 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, 857 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 Web site at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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