

## **MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. ENTERS INTO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY TO ADVANCE U.S. MANUFACTURING**

**MELVILLE, N.Y. and DAVIDSON, N.C., February 17, 2020 - MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. (NYSE: MSM)**, a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) products and services to industrial customers throughout North America, today announced that it has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory to advance manufacturing in the United States.

The two-year agreement is focused on improving milling performance on new Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine tools through the use of impact-testing software.

"Improving CNC machine tool performance ultimately will lead to energy and cost savings, extended tool life, improved productivity and greater competitiveness for U.S. manufacturers," said Scott Smith, group leader for machining and machine tooling research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Under the project, MSC's metalworking experts will work with manufacturing customers to optimize their CNC machine tools and to collect data that will be used to build tool models for industry use in the future.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to partner with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. This project is consistent with our customer-centric approach in helping manufacturers solve their mission-critical challenges on the plant floor and improving capacity and productivity. Contributing to the advancement of a healthy, competitive U.S. manufacturing economy will be incredibly impactful and gratifying," said Jamie Goettler, Director of Metalworking Innovation for MSC.

**About MSC Industrial Supply Co.** MSC Industrial Supply Co. (NYSE:MSM) is a leading North American distributor of metalworking and maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) products and services. We help our customers drive greater productivity, profitability and growth with more than 1.7 million products, inventory management and other supply chain solutions, and deep expertise from over 75 years of working with customers across industries.

Our experienced team of approximately 6,700 associates is dedicated to working side by side with our customers to help drive results for their businesses - from keeping operations running efficiently today to continuously rethinking, retooling, and optimizing for a more productive tomorrow.

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