

**MSC DECLARES SPECIAL CASH DIVIDEND OF \$3.50 PER SHARE**

**MELVILLE, NY and DAVIDSON, NC, November 17, 2020 - MSC INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CO. (NYSE: MSM), "MSC" or the "Company,"** a premier distributor of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operations ("MRO") products and services to industrial customers throughout North America, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared a special cash dividend of \$3.50 per share. The special cash dividend is payable on December 15, 2020 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 1, 2020. The ex-dividend date is November 30, 2020. The Company will fund the approximately \$195 million required for the special cash dividend primarily from its revolving credit facility. The company's balance sheet and liquidity position remain healthy, and the company expects to continue generating strong cash flow. Funding this special dividend raises the company's leverage ratio moderately.

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**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 1.8 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 more than 6,300 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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