# MSA Engineer Named Rising Star of Safety by the National Safety Council

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- MSA (NYSE: MSA), the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety equipment, announced today that Jerry Zheng, MSA Environmental, Health and Safety Engineer, has been recognized as one of the National Safety Council's (NSC) Rising Stars of Safety. Mr. Zheng, who received the award at last week's National Safety Council Congress and Expo in Orlando, FL., was recognized for his outstanding efforts to help ensure a long-standing, hazard-free work environment at MSA's facility in Suzhou, China.

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The Rising Stars of Safety awards are an annual showcase of nominated professionals younger than 40 who regularly demonstrate a commitment to workplace safety. In particular, the awards recognize people who engage their peers in safety initiatives, establish successful safety training and programs, and demonstrate their value of safety as a critical business component.

Since joining MSA in 2008, Mr. Zheng has played a key role in employee safety, beginning with his involvement in the relocation of MSA's plant in Wuxi, China to the company's facility in Suzhou, China. Mr. Zheng developed and implemented a formalized safety process, which included the review and application of more than 185 environmental, health and safety local and state Chinese government regulations. As a result of his efforts, and those of MSA's Suzhou workforce, the safety record at the Suzhou facility is approaching a remarkable two million injury-free hours worked.

"All of us at MSA are proud of Jerry for this well deserved accomplishment," saidSteve Blanco, Vice President of Global Operational Excellence for MSA. "As 'The Safety Company,' we have an unwavering commitment to not only provide our customers with the highest-quality products in the industry, but also to ensure the safest workplace possible for our associates and this recognition is an affirmation of these efforts," Mr. Blanco said.

The NSC Congress and Expo was held inOrlando from October 20 through 25. Mr. Zheng was also recognized in *Safety+Health Magazine* and on the National Safety Council's website, www.nsc.org.

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