MSA Closes In on Certification of New Breathing Apparatus for Firefighters

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 6, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Global safety equipment manufacturer MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) today announced that it now expects its next-generation air mask for firefighters – the G1 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) – to be certified by the U.S. government in the fourth quarter. Previously, the company anticipated receiving product certification by the end of September.

"We're naturally disappointed the product certification process is taking longer than we expected, particularly given the amount of interest the G1 SCBA has generated in the fire service market," said Nish Vartanian, President of North America. "At the same time we are encouraged by the way our product has performed thus far against the wide regimen of certification tests. We are in the final stages of the approval process and remain confident in the G1's ability to clear the remaining test requirements."

Patricia Gleason, President of the Safety Equipment Institute inMcLean, Va., which administers the third-party certification process for SCBA and other fire fighting safety products, confirmed the MSA unit is proceeding through the NIOSH and NFPA certification process as planned. "NFPA certification is a complex process combining a broad range of extreme and rigorous tests with a detailed quality assurance process," Ms. Gleason said.

About MSA

Established in 1914, MSA Safety Incorporated is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. Many MSA products integrate a combination of electronics, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life - threatening situations. The company's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in a broad range of markets, including the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, the fire service, the construction industry, mining, and the military. The company's core products include self - contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, head protection products and fall protection devices. With 2013 revenues of $1.1 billion, MSA employs approximately 5,300 people worldwide. The company is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. With more than 40 international locations, MSA realizes approximately half of its revenue from outside North America. For more information, visit MSA's website at www.MSAsafety.com.

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