MSA's Rebecca Stehle Recognized with Emerging Leader STEP Ahead Award

PITTSBURGH, April 12, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Rebecca Stehle, Supplier Quality and Development Manager for MSA Safety (NYSE: MSA) has been recognized by the Manufacturing Institute as one of 130 U.S. women who are making meaningful contributions to the manufacturing industry. Ms. Stehle will accept her *Emerging Leader STEP Ahead Award* at a formal reception and gala held in Washington D.C. on April 20.

"All of us at MSA are extraordinarily proud of Becky for this well-deserved recognition," said Anne Herman, Vice President, Global Operational Excellence and Chief Customer Officer for MSA. "Her dedication to our customers, and her commitment to being a leader and mentor within her peer group, are qualities to emulate. I'm glad to know a program such as the *STEP Awards* exists to honor the leading women in manufacturing, like Becky, who are making a difference and empowering our next generation of female manufacturing talent." Ms. Herman, who joined MSA in 1984, was a 2013 *STEP Ahead Award* honoree.

Ms. Stehle, who works at MSA's headquarters campus in Cranberry Township, Pa., began her career at the company as a New Product Development Engineer in 2008. In 2012, she was promoted to Supplier Quality Engineer, where she spearheaded a new program to enhance global supply chain quality and consistency. In addition to her MSA responsibilities, Becky volunteers for the American Heart Association and Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh.

Becky also participates in two MSA professional organizations – one devoted entirely to advancing women in the workforce and the other to coaching young professionals – and mentors colleagues in her spare time. She received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh.

The *STEP Awards* – created by The Manufacturing Institute in 2012 – promote the role of women in manufacturing through recognition, research and the deployment of best practices that help organizations attract, advance and retain strong female talent.

On April 20, The Manufacturing Institute and its *STEP Ahead* initiative partners will recognize the 130 honorees of the *STEP Awards* at a reception in Washington, D.C. The *STEP Awards* program will highlight each honoree's story, including their leadership and accomplishments in manufacturing.

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 product line 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. MSA's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, industrial head protection products, fire and rescue helmets, and fall protection devices. With 2016 revenues of $1.15 billion, MSA employs approximately 4,300 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 web site at www.MSAsafety.com.

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