# **MSA Safety Announces Second Quarter Results**

Strong execution and a resilient business model provide support in a challenging environment

PITTSBURGH, July 29, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Global safety equipment manufacturer MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) today reported results for the second quarter of 2020.

## **Quarterly Highlights**

- Revenue was \$314 million, decreasing 10 percent from a year ago on a reported basis and 8 percent on a constant currency basis.
- GAAP operating income was \$48 million or 15.4 percent of sales, compared to \$54 million or 15.6 percent of sales in the same period a year ago. Adjusted operating income was \$59 million or 18.7 percent of sales, compared to \$64 million or 18.4 percent of sales in the same period a year ago.
- GAAP earnings were \$36 million or \$0.92 per diluted share, compared to \$40 million or \$1.01 per diluted share in the same period a year ago. Adjusted earnings were \$44 million or \$1.11 per diluted share, compared to \$48 million or \$1.22 per diluted share in the same period a year ago. Adjusted earnings include \$0.03 per share of headwind from higher noncash pension expense, in line with the company's expectations.
- Operating cash flow was \$69 million, nearly doubling from a year ago on strong working capital management and lower product liability payments. MSA paid down \$37 million of debt, funded \$17 million of dividends, and invested \$13 million in capital expenditures in the quarter.
- MSA's debt balance was \$335 million at quarter end, reflecting 1.2x adjusted EBITDA on a gross basis or 0.7x adjusted EBITDA on a net basis. With more than \$136 million in cash and significant room available under its current debt covenants, the company has ample liquidity and flexibility to maintain its balanced capital allocation strategy.

#### Comments from Management

"Our second quarter results reflect strong execution and a resilient business model in a challenging environment," said Nish Vartanian, MSA Chairman, President and CEO. "Our diversified portfolio and continued focus on productivity yielded adjusted operating margin expansion of 30 basis points. It's particularly noteworthy that we achieved this level of margin performance on lighter sales volume," he said. Mr. Vartanian added that in addition to lower discretionary costs, strategic growth and profitability improvement programs supported the strong performance. "The returns from our investments in our respirator manufacturing capabilities, combined with solid execution of our International segment margin improvement programs, were clear highlights of the quarter."

The company's quarterly results include 63 percent revenue growth in air-purifying respirators. "In response to the global shortage of personal protective equipment, we have started to make investments to ramp up and modernize our manufacturing operations associated with the air-purifying respirator side of our business," Mr. Vartanian explained. "These investments will help us improve lead times for our existing industrial and first responder customers, while positioning MSA to respond to potential growth opportunities." He added that the company's unwavering mission of protecting people at work, in an ongoing pandemic environment, is more relevant than ever before.

In MSA's International segment, profitability improvement programs helped drive adjusted operating margin expansion of 310 basis points in the quarter and 240 basis points for the year to date. "Our focus on price realization across MSA International is supporting gross profit improvements, and previously executed restructuring programs are enabling operating expense leverage," said Mr. Vartanian.

Mr. Vartanian noted that business conditions remain challenging and a number of external factors could impact how the second half of 2020 unfolds for the company. "While we expect a tough environment in the near term, we continue to focus on leveraging our diversified portfolio, controlling discretionary costs, and investing in long-term growth and productivity programs that will position MSA to emerge from this downturn as an even stronger organization," he concluded.

MSA Safety Incorporated Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income (Unaudited) (In thousands, except per share amounts)

		onths Ended ne 30,		ths Ended ne 30,
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net sales	\$ 314,438	\$ 349,675	\$ 655,583	\$ 675,713
Cost of products sold	172,841	188,591	356,627	364,647
Gross profit	141,597	161,084	298,956	311,066
Selling, general and administrative	69,034	84,009	149,271	162,437
Research and development	13,760	14,256	27,872	27,962
Restructuring charges	8,865	3,522	10,872	9,353
Currency exchange losses, net <sup>(a)</sup>	793	1,290	1,063	18,251
Product liability expense	851	3,529	2,802	6,425

Operating income		48,294		54,478		107,076			86,638
Interest expense Other income, net Total other expense, net		2,459 (2,000) 459		4,470 (3,342) 1,128		5,602 (3,258) 2,344	_		6,830 (5,921) 909
Income before income taxes Provision for income taxes Net income Net income attributable to noncontrolling		47,835 11,429 36,406		53,350 13,238 40,112		104,732 24,523 80,209	_		85,729 22,241 63,488
interests Net income attributable to MSA Safety Incorporated		(340)	 \$	(306)	<u> </u>	(468) 79,741	_		(450) 63,038
Earnings per share attributable to MSA Safety Incorporated common shareholders: Basic Diluted	\$ \$	0.93	\$ \$	1.03	<del>^</del>	2.05	_	\$ \$	1.63 1.61
Basic shares outstanding Diluted shares outstanding	₽	38,830 39,195	₽	38,663 39,160	Ŧ	38,826 39,273		₽	38,602 39,124

<sup>(</sup>a) currency exchange losses for the six months ended June 30, 2019 includes a \$15.4 million non-cash charge related to the recognition of currency translation adjustments associated with the closure of MSA's South Africa affiliates.

MSA Safety Incorporated Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited) (In thousands)

Annaha	Ju	ne 30, 2020	De	ecember 31, 2019
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade receivables, net Inventories	\$	136,238 240,137 225,410	\$	152,195 255,082 185,027
Notes receivable, insurance companies Other current assets Total current assets		3,736 116,029 721,550		3,676 97,383 693,363
Property, net Operating lease assets, net Prepaid pension cost		170,184 47,106 80,775		167,038 51,675 75,066
Goodwill Notes receivable, insurance companies, noncurrent Insurance receivable, noncurrent Other noncurrent assets		430,671 52,988 51,033 198,628		436,679 52,336 56,169 207,367
Total assets Liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,752,935	\$	1,739,693
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt, net Accounts payable	\$	20,000 96,513	\$	20,000 89,120
Other current liabilities Total current liabilities		176,845 293,358		168,389 277,509
Long-term debt, net Pensions and other employee benefits Noncurrent operating lease liabilities		314,500 185,464 38,826		328,394 186,697 42.632
Deferred tax liabilities Product liability and other noncurrent liabilities Total shareholders' equity		10,533 161,600 748,654		9,787 162,101 732,573
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	1,752,935	\$	1,739,693

		nths Ended e 30,		ths Ended e 30,
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Net income Depreciation and amortization Change in working capital and other operating Cash flow from operating activities	\$ 36,406 9,786 23,232 69,424	\$ 40,112 9,466 (13,250) 36,328	\$ 80,209 19,428 (16,606) 83,031	\$ 63,488 18,792 (44,735) 37,545
Capital expenditures Acquisition, net of cash acquired Change in short-term investments Property disposals and other investing Cash flow used in investing activities	(13,272) — 10,210 — (9) — (3,071)	(8,628) (33,196) 1,639 69 (40,116)	(19,834) — (9,402) <u>83</u> —(29,153)	(13,525) (33,196) (17,302) 81 (63,942)
Change in debt Cash dividends paid Other financing Cash flow (used in) from financing activities	(37,000) (16,721) <u>873</u> (52,848)	22,973 (16,282) (1,410) 5,281	(9,000) (33,052) (24,124) (66,176)	37,064 (30,934) (7,391) (1,261)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	102	2,236	(3,654)	(985)
Increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 13,607	\$ 3,729	\$ (15,952)	\$ (28,643)

MSA Safety Incorporated Segment Information (Unaudited) (In thousands, except percentage amounts)

	Americas				nternation	al	Corporate	Consolidated			
Three Months Ended June 30, 2020											
Sales to external customers Operating income Operating margin % Restructuring charges Currency exchange losses, net Product liability expense Strategic transaction costs	\$	204,231		\$	110,207		\$ —	\$	314,438 48,294 15.4 8,865 793 851 64	%	
Adjusted operating income (loss) Adjusted operating margin % Depreciation and amortization		49,003 24.0	%		17,402 15.8	%	(7,538)		58,867 18.7 9,786	%	
Adjusted EBITDA Adjusted EBITDA %		55,620 27.2	%		20,474 18.6	%	(7,441)		68,653 21.8	%	
Three Months Ended June 30, 2019											
Sales to external customers Operating income Operating margin % Restructuring charges Currency exchange losses, net Product liability expense Strategic transaction costs	\$	231,389		\$	118,286		\$ <del>-</del>	\$	349,675 54,478 15.6 3,522 1,290 3,529 1,529	%	
Adjusted operating income (loss) Adjusted operating margin % Depreciation and amortization		57,689 24.9	%		15,072 12.7	%	(8,413)		64,348 18.4 9,466	%	
Adjusted EBITDA Adjusted EBITDA %		63,842 27.6	%		18,288 15.5	%	(8,316)		73,814 21.1	%	

The Americas segment is comprised of our operations in North America and Latin America geographies. The International segment is comprised of our operations in all geographies outside of the Americas. Certain global expenses are allocated to each segment in a manner consistent with where the benefits from the expenses are derived.

Adjusted operating income (loss), adjusted operating margin, adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and adjusted EBITDA margin are the measures used by the chief operating decision maker to

evaluate segment performance and allocate resources. As such, management believes that adjusted operating income (loss), adjusted operating margin, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin are useful metrics for investors. Adjusted operating income (loss) is defined as operating income excluding restructuring charges, currency exchange gains / losses, product liability expense, and strategic transaction costs, and adjusted operating margin is defined as adjusted operating income (loss) divided by segment sales to external customers. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as adjusted operating income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization and adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as adjusted EBITDA divided by segment sales to external customers. Adjusted operating income (loss), adjusted operating margin, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin are not recognized terms under GAAP and therefore do not purport to be alternatives to operating income or operating margin as a measure of operating performance. The Company's definition of adjusted operating income (loss), adjusted operating margin, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. As such, management believes that it is appropriate to consider operating income determined on a GAAP basis in addition to these non-GAAP measures.

MSA Safety Incorporated Segment Information (Unaudited) (In thousands, except percentage amounts)

	Americas			I	nternation	Corporate			Consolidated			
Six Months Ended June 30, 2020 Sales to external customers Operating income Operating margin % Restructuring charges Currency exchange losses, net Product liability expense Strategic transaction costs COVID-19 related costs	\$	435,484		\$	220,099		\$	_	\$	655,583 107,076 16.3 10,872 1,063 2,802 161 757	%	
Adjusted operating income (loss) Adjusted operating margin % Depreciation and amortization Adjusted EBITDA		108,811 25.0 121,878	%		30,073 13.7 36,239	%		153) 958)		122,731 18.7 19,428 142,159	%	
Adjusted EBITDA %		28.0	%		16.5	%				21.7	%	
Six Months Ended June 30, 2019 Sales to external customers Operating income Operating margin % Restructuring charges	\$	445,076		\$	230,637		\$	_	\$	675,713 86,638 12.8 9,353	%	
Currency exchange losses, net Product liability expense Strategic transaction costs Adjusted operating income (loss)		112,492	0/		26,112	0/	(15,	952)		18,251 6,425 1,985 122,652	0/	
Adjusted operating margin % Depreciation and amortization Adjusted EBITDA		25.3 124,742	%		11.3 32,459	%	(15	757)		18.2 18,792 141,444	%	
Adjusted EBITDA %		28.0	%		14.1	%	(10)	. 3. ,		20.9	%	

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MSA Safety Incorporated Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Constant currency revenue growth (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended June 30, 2020 Firefighter Helmets and Industrial Portable Fixed Gas Breathing Protective Head Gas and Flame Fall Core Non-Core **Apparatus** Apparel Protection Detection Detection Protection Sales Sales\* **Net Sales GAAP** reported sales change 1 % (17) % (21)% (33) % (7) % (32)% (15) % 22 % (10) % Plus: Currency translation effects 2 % % 5 % 2 % 1 % 3 % 2 % 5 % 2 % Constant currency sales (31) % (6) % 27 % change 3 % (17) % (16) % (29) % (13) % (8) % Six Months Ended June 30, 2020 Firefighter Helmets and Industrial Portable Fixed Gas Breathing Protective Head Gas and Flame Fall Core Non-Core **Apparatus** Apparel Protection Detection Detection Protection Sales Sales\* **Net Sales GAAP** reported sales change (3) % 1 % (10) % (12)% (16) % 4 % (21) % (6) % 22 % Plus: Currency translation effects 1 % % 5 % 2 % 1 % 3 % 1 % 5 % 2 % Constant currency sales change 2 % (10) % (7) % (14)% 5 % (18)% (5) % 27 % (1) %

Management believes that constant currency revenue growth is a useful metric for investors, as foreign currency translation can have a material impact on revenue growth trends. Constant currency revenue growth highlights ongoing business performance excluding the impact of fluctuating foreign currencies, which is outside of management's control. There can be no assurances that MSA's definition of constant currency revenue growth is consistent with that of other companies. As such, management believes that it is appropriate to consider revenue growth determined on a GAAP basis in addition to this non-GAAP financial measure.

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Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Constant currency revenue growth (Unaudited)

## **Americas Segment**

							Three	Mor	ths End	ded Ju	ne 30, 2	020						
GAAP	Breatl Appar		Firefig Helmand Protec Appa	ets I tive	Indust Hea Protec	d	Porta Gas Detec	5	Fixed and Fi Detec	lame	Fall Protec		Cor Sale		Non- Sal		Net S	ales
reported sales change Plus: Currency translation	(1)	%	(14)	%	(33)	%	(40)	%	(6)	%	(39)	%	(18)	%	37	%	(12)	%
effects	1	%	_	%	6	%	3	%	1	%	3	%	2	%	6	%	2	%

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Core Sales include Air-Purifying Respirators.

Constant
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- % (14) % (27) % (37) % (5) % (36) % (16) % 43 % (10) %

							Six N	Mont	hs Ende	d Jun	e 30, 20	20						
	Breat Appai	_	Firefig Helm and Protec Appa	ets d :tive	Indust Hea Protec	d	Portal Ga: Detec	S	Fixed ( and Fla	me	Fall Protec		Cor Sale		Non-C Sale		Net S	ales
GAAP reported sales change Plus:	1	%	(7)	%	(18)	%	(19)	%		%	(21)	%	(7)	%		%	(2)	%
Currency translation effects Constant currency	1	%		%	5	%	2	%	1	%	3	%	2	%_	5	%	2	%_
sales change	2	%	(7)	%	(13)	%	(17)	%	9	%	(18)	%	(5)	%	40	%	_	%

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### International Segment

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2020											
GAAP	Firefighter Helmets and Industrial Portable Fixed Gas Breathing Protective Head Gas and Flame Fall Core Non-Core Apparatus Apparel Protection Detection Detection Protection Sales Sales*											
reported sales change Plus: Currency translation	5 %	(32) %	19 %	(19) %	(8) %	(20) %	(8) %	— %	(7) %			
effects	3 %	1 %	4 %	2 %	2 %	3 %	2 %	3 %	3 %			
Constant currency sales change	8 %	(31) %	23 %	(17) %	(6) %	(17) %	(6) %	3 %	(4) %			
				Six Month	s Ended June	30, 2020						
GAAP reported	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Industrial Head Protection	Portable Gas Detection	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales*	Net Sales			
sales change	- %	(23) %	9 %	(11) %	(2) %	(20) %	(6) %	5 %	(5) %			

Plus: Currency translation																			
effects	3	%	2	%	4	%	3	%	2	%	2	%	2	%	3	%	3	%	
Constant																			_
currency																			
sales																			
change	3	%	(21)	%	13	%	(8)	%	_	%	(18)	%	(4)	%	8	%	(2)	%	

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Supplemental Segment Information (Unaudited)

Summary of constant currency revenue growth by segment and product group

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2020											
	Consolio	dated	Ameri	cas	Internat	ional						
Breathing Apparatus	3	%		%	8	%						
Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	(6)	%	(5)	%	(6)	%						
Industrial Head Protection	(16)	%	(27)	%	23	%						
Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	(17)	%	(14)	%	(31)	%						
Fall Protection	(29)	%	(36)	%	(17)	%						
Portable Gas Detection	(31)	%	(37)	%	(17)	%						
Core Sales	(13)	%	(16)	%	(6)	%						
Non-Core Sales *	27	%	43	%	3	%						
Net Sales	(8)	%	(10)	%	(4)	%						

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2020					
	Consolic	lated	Ameri	cas	Internat	ional
Breathing Apparatus	2	%	2	%	3	%
Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	5	%	9	%	_	%
Industrial Head Protection	(7)	%	(13)	%	13	%
Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	(10)	%	(7)	%	(21)	%
Fall Protection	(18)	%	(18)	%	(18)	%
Portable Gas Detection	(14)	%	(17)	%	(8)	%
Core Sales	(5)	%	(5)	%	(4)	%
Non-Core Sales *	27	%	40	%	8	%
Net Sales	(1)	%		%	(2)	%

<sup>\*</sup> Non-Core Sales include Air-Purifying Respirators.

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Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Adjusted earnings (Unaudited)

Adjusted earnings per diluted share (Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

Three Mor	nths Ended		Six Mon	ths Ended	
June	e 30,		Jun	e 30,	
		<u> </u>			<del></del> %
2020	2019	Change	2020	2019	Change

Incorporated Non- deductible non-cash charge related to the recognition of currency translation	\$ 36,066	\$ 39,806	(9)%	\$ 79,741	\$ 63,038	26%
adjustments (a)  Tax (benefit) / charge associated with ASU 2016-09: Improvements to employee share-based	_	_		_	15,359	
payment accounting	(348)	429		(1,619)	(1,993)	
Subtotal	35,718	40,235	(11)%	78,122	76,404	2%
Restructuring charges Product	8,865	3,522		10,872	9,353	
liability expense Currency	851	3,529		2,802	6,425	
exchange losses, net Strategic transaction	793	1,290		1,063	2,892	
costs	64	1,529		161	1,985	
Asset related losses, net COVID-19	5	208		127	233	
related costs Income tax	_	_		757	_	
expense on adjustments	 (2,613)	 (2,439)		 (3,914)	 (5,034)	
Adjusted earnings	\$ 43,683	\$ 47,874	(9)%	\$ 89,990	\$ 92,258	(2)%
Adjusted earnings per						
diluted share	\$ 1.11	\$ 1.22	(9)%	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.36	(3)%

<sup>(</sup>a) Included in Currency exchange losses, net on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income.

Management believes that adjusted earnings and adjusted earnings per diluted share are useful measures for investors, as management uses these measures to internally assess the company's performance and ongoing operating trends. There can be no assurances that additional special items will not occur in future periods, nor that MSA's definition of adjusted earnings is consistent with that of other companies. As such, management believes that it is appropriate to consider both net income determined on a GAAP basis as well as adjusted earnings.

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Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Debt to adjusted EBITDA / Net debt to adjusted EBITDA (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Twelve Months Ended June 30,		
	2020		
Operating income	\$	206,668	
Depreciation and amortization		38,654	
Product liability expense		22,996	
Restructuring charges		15,365	
Currency exchange losses, net		2,626	
Strategic transaction costs		2,576	

COVID-19 related costs Adjusted EBITDA	\$	7 <u>57</u> 289,642
Total end-of-period debt		334,500
Debt to adjusted EBITDA		1.2
Total end-of-period debt Total end-of-period cash and cash equivalents Net debt	<u> </u>	334,500 136,238 198,262
Net debt to adjusted EBITDA		0.7

Management believes that Debt to Adjusted EBITDA and Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA are useful measures for investors, as management uses these measures to internally assess the company's liquidity and balance sheet strength. There can be no assurances that that MSA's definition of Debt to Adjusted EBITDA and Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA is consistent with that of other companies.

#### 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, firefighter helmets and protective apparel, and fall protection devices. With 2019 revenues of \$1.4 billion, MSA employs approximately 5,000 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 <a href="https://www.MSAsafety.com">www.MSAsafety.com</a>.

#### Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements:

Except for historical information, certain matters discussed in this press release may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include but are not limited to all projections and anticipated levels of future performance. Forward looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those discussed herein. Any number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from projections or forward looking statements, including without limitation global economic conditions, spending patterns of government agencies, competitive pressures, the impact of acquisitions and related integration activities, product liability claims, the success of new product introductions, currency exchange rate fluctuations and the risks of doing business in foreign countries. A full listing of these risks, uncertainties and other factors are detailed from time-to-time in our filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including our most recent Form 10-K filed on February 20, 2020. You are strongly urged to review all such filings for a more detailed discussion of such risks and uncertainties. MSA's SEC filings are readily obtainable at no charge at <a href="http://investors.MSAsafety.com">http://investors.MSAsafety.com</a>. MSA undertakes no duty to publicly update any forward looking statements contained herein, except as required by law.

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures:

This press release includes certain non-GAAP financial measures. These financial measures include constant currency revenue growth, adjusted operating income, adjusted operating margin, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio, net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio, adjusted earnings, and adjusted earnings per diluted share. The presentation of these financial measures does not comply with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). For an explanation of these measures, together with a reconciliation to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, see the Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures in the financial tables section above.

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