MSA Safety Announces Third Quarter Results

Increasing full year sales growth outlook to mid-teens, supported by robust double-digit sales and earnings growth in the third quarter

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 24, 2023 / PRNewswire/ -- Global safety equipment and solutions provider MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) today reported financial results for the third guarter of 2023.

Quarterly Highlights

- Achieved quarterly net sales of\$447 million, a 17% increase year-over-year, reflecting broad-based strength across MSA's
 product portfolio and regions.
- Generated GAAP operating income of \$94 million, or 21.1% of sales, and adjusted operating income of\$101 million, or 22.7% of sales.
- Recorded GAAP net income of\$65 million, or\$1.65 per diluted share, and adjusted earnings of\$70 million, or\$1.78 per diluted share
- Invested \$13 million in capital expenditures, repaid \$68 million of debt and deployed \$18 million for dividends to shareholders.

"During the third quarter, the MSA team continued to deliver strong results," saidNish Vartanian, MSA Safety Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Growth was broad-based across our key product platforms and regions, a testament to the resiliency of our business, our differentiated safety products and solutions, and strategic exposure to attractive end markets and long-term secular trends. Our ability to create sustainable growth is also supported by significant competitive advantages such as our purpose-driven culture, best-in-class innovation and relentless focus on solving our customers' safety challenges."

Mr. Vartanian added, "We remain encouraged by our progress and are excited about the opportunities ahead. With our singular mission of safety, I believe we are well-positioned to continue our strong performance and deliver value to our shareholders in the fourth quarter and beyond."

Financial Highlights and Balance Sheet

Financial Highlights		Three Mor Septen		
(\$ millions, except per share data)		2023	2022	% Change ^(a)
Net Sales	\$	447	\$ 382	17 %
Operating Income		94	64	46 %
Adjusted Operating Income		101	75	35 %
Net Income		65	45	45 %
Diluted EPS		1.65	1.14	45 %
Adjusted Earnings		70	57	23 %
Adjusted Diluted EPS		1.78	1.45	23 %

⁽a) Percentage change may not calculate exactly due to rounding.

Lee McChesney, MSA Safety Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, commented, "Our team's disciplined execution and commitment to continuous improvement, enabled by the MSA Business System, resulted in healthy margin expansion and robust cash generation, as well as double-digit sales growth during the third quarter. We continued to strengthen our financial position, ending the quarter at 1.3x net leverage, an improvement from 1.7x in the prior quarter. We enter the balance of the year with confidence in our capacity to deliver on our financial commitments, and based on our robust year-to-date performance, we are increasing our sales growth outlook to the mid-teens for the full year 2023."

Conference Call

MSA Safety will host a conference call on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss its third quarter 2023 results and outlook. The call and an accompanying slide presentation will be webcast at http://investors.msasafety.com/ under the "News and Events" tab, subheading "Events & Presentations." Investors and interested parties can also dial into the call at 1-844-854-4415 (Toll Free) or 1-412-902-6599 (International). When prompted, please instruct the operator to be joined into the MSA Safety Incorporated conference call. A replay of the conference call will be available at http://investors.msasafety.com/ shortly after the conclusion of the presentation and will be available for the next 90 days.

	Three Mor Septen	 	30, Septe			nths Ended mber 30,		
	2023	 2022		2023		2022		
Net sales	\$ 446,728	\$ 381,694	\$ -	1,292,290	\$ 1	1,084,699		
Cost of products sold	227,967	212,299		678,335		608,120		
Gross profit	218,761	169,395		613,955		476,579		
Selling, general and administrative	102,175	82,753		289,602		247,378		
Research and development	17,682	14,416		48,906		43,017		
Restructuring charges	3,285	899		8,382		3,146		
Currency exchange losses, net	1,496	2,979		8,781		4,788		
Loss on divestiture of MSA LLC	_	_		129,211		_		
Product liability expense	_	4,035		3		9,733		
Operating income	94,123	64,313		129,070		168,517		
Interest expense	12,498	5,962		37,149		14,158		
Other income, net	(6,037)	(2,359)		(15,487)		(15,121)		
Total other expense (income), net	6,461	 3,603		21,662		(963)		
Income before income taxes	87,662	60,710		107,408		169,480		
Provision for income taxes	22,406	15,804		125,235		41,339		
Net income (loss)	\$ 65,256	\$ 44,906	\$	(17,827)	\$	128,141		
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to common shareholders:								
Basic	\$ 1.66	\$ 1.15	\$	(0.46)	\$	3.26		
Diluted	\$ 1.65	\$ 1.14	\$	(0.46)	\$	3.25		
Basic shares outstanding	39,303	39,172		39,267		39,243		
Diluted shares outstanding	39,450	39,299		39,267		39,414		

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

		September 30, 2023	 December 31, 2022	
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	164,499	\$ 162,902	
Trade receivables, net		294,907	297,028	
Inventories		324,077	338,316	
Notes receivable, insurance companies		_	5,931	
Other current assets		68,336	75,949	
Total current assets	-	851,819	880,126	
Property, plant and equipment, net		205,650	207,552	
Prepaid pension cost		151,400	141,643	
Goodwill		620,343	620,622	
Intangible assets, net		268,321	281,853	
Notes receivable, insurance companies, noncurrent		_	38,695	
Insurance receivable, noncurrent		_	110,300	

Other noncurrent assets	96,802	96,185
Total assets	\$ 2,194,335	\$ 2,376,976
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Notes payable and current portion of long-term debt, net	\$ 26,198	\$ 7,387
Accounts payable	108,554	112,532
Other current liabilities	190,649	225,946
Total current liabilities	325,401	345,865
Long-term debt, net	715,814	565,445
Pensions and other employee benefits	137,563	137,810
Deferred tax liabilities	102,155	31,881
Product liability and other noncurrent liabilities	44,676	372,234
Total shareholders' equity	868,726	923,741
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 2,194,335	\$ 2,376,976

MSA Safety Incorporated Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited) (In thousands)

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2	023		2022		2023		2022
Net income (loss)	\$	65,256	\$	44,906	\$	(17,827)	\$	128,141
Depreciation and amortization		15,504		13,797		44,965		41,883
Tax-effected loss on divestiture of MSA LLC		_		_		199,578		_
Contribution on divestiture of MSA LLC		_		_		(341,186)		_
Change in working capital and other operating		44,024		5,224		48,413		(66, 121)
Cash flow from (used in) operating activities	1	24,784		63,927		(66,057)		103,903
Capital expenditures	(12,657)		(8,948)		(30,979)		(28,753)
Change in short-term investments		_		10,113		_		24,320
Property disposals and other investing		16		38		2,690		38
Cash flow (used in) from investing activities	(12,641)		1,203		(28,289)		(4,395)
Change in debt	(68,250)		(10,000)		168,648		27,000
Cash dividends paid	(18,485)		(18,046)		(54,999)		(53,447)
Other financing		653		1,656		(3,142)		(29,716)
Cash flow (used in) from financing activities	(8	86,082)		(26,390)		110,507		(56,163)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(8,501)		(13,024)		(14,152)		(23,498)
Increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	1 \$	17,560	\$	25,716	\$	2,009	\$	19,847

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

	Americas	International	Corp	orate	Consolidated	
Three Months Ended September 30, 2023			-			
Net sales to external customers	\$ 314,273	\$ 132,455	\$	_	\$ 446,728	
Operating income					94,123	

Operating margin %					21.1 %
Restructuring charges					3,285
Currency exchange losses, net					1,496
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets					2,315
Transaction costs (a)					78
Adjusted operating income (loss)	93,918	22,577		(15,198)	101,297
Adjusted operating margin %	29.9 %	17.0 %			22.7 %
Depreciation and amortization					13,189
Adjusted EBITDA	103,157	26,289		(14,960)	114,486
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	32.8 %	19.8 %			25.6 %
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Three Months Ended September 30, 2022	A 070 000	Φ 40E 040	Φ.		Φ 004 004
Net sales to external customers	\$ 276,082	\$ 105,612	\$		\$ 381,694
Operating income					64,313
Operating margin %					16.8 %
Restructuring charges					899
Currency exchange losses, net					2,979
Product liability expense					4,035
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible					0.070
assets					2,279
Transaction costs (a)					620
Adjusted operating income (loss)	75,088	8,448		(8,411)	75,125
Adjusted operating margin %	27.2 %	8.0 %			19.7 %
Depreciation and amortization					11,518
Adjusted EBITDA	83,945	10,980		(8,282)	86,643
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	30.4 %	10.4 %			22.7 %

^(a) Transaction costs include advisory, legal, accounting, valuation, and other professional or consulting fees incurred during acquisitions and divestitures. These costs are included in Selling, general and administrative expense in the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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

	Americas	International	Corporate		Consolidated
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023					
Net sales to external customers	\$ 902,918	\$ 389,372	\$	_	\$ 1,292,290
Operating income					129,070
Operating margin %					10.0 %
Restructuring charges					8,382
Currency exchange losses, net					8,781
Loss on divestiture of MSA LLC					129,211
Product liability expense					3
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible					
assets					6,936
Transaction costs (a)					78
Adjusted operating income (loss)	260,428	60,099		(38,066)	282,461
Adjusted operating margin %	28.8 %	15.4 %			21.9 %
Depreciation and amortization					38,029
Adjusted EBITDA	287,628	70,296		(37,434)	320,490
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	31.9 %	18.1 %			24.8 %
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022					
Net sales to external customers Operating income	\$ 754,116	\$ 330,583	\$	_	\$ 1,084,699 168,517

Operating margin %				15.5 %
Restructuring charges				3,146
Currency exchange losses, net				4,788
Product liability expense				9,733
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible				
assets				6,922
Transaction costs (a)				1,476
Adjusted operating income (loss)	184,664	34,674	(24,756)	194,582
Adjusted operating margin %	24.5 %	10.5 %		17.9 %
Depreciation and amortization				34,961
Adjusted EBITDA	210,201	43,708	(24,366)	229,543
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	27.9 %	13.2 %		21.2 %

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The Americas segment is comprised of our operations in Northern North American and Latin American 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, loss on divestiture of MSA LLC, product liability expense, amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, and transaction costs. Adjusted operating margin is defined as adjusted operating income (loss) divided by segment net 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 net 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 Reconciliation of As Reported Financial Measures to Non-GAAP Financial Measures Constant currency revenue growth (Unaudited)

Consolidated

Three Mo	onths Endec	d September	30, 2023
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	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales
GAAP reported sales change	21 %	18 %	28 %	11 %	5 %	15 %	18 %	3 %	17 %
Plus: Currency translation effects	(2) %	(2) %	(2) %	(2) %	(3) %	(4) %	(2) %	(3) %	(2) %
Constant currency sales change	19 %	16 %	26 %	9 %	2 %	11 %	16 %	<u> </u>	15 %

	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales
GAAP reported sales									
change	13 %	27 %	24 %	23 %	10 %	23 %	20 %	13 %	19 %
Plus: Currency									
translation effects	— %	1 %	(1) %	—%	(1) %	(1) %	(1) %	(1) %	— %
Constant currency sales change	13 %	28 %	23 %	23 %	9 %	22 %	19 %	12 %	19 %

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.

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

13 %

23 %

16 %

Americas Segment

change

	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales
GAAP reported sales change	13 %	23 %	18 %	13 %	5 %	15 %	15 %	1 %	14 %
Plus: Currency translation effects Constant currency sales	—%	—%	(2) %	(3) %	(3) %	(4) %	(2) %	(3) %	(2) %

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

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		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023										
	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales			
GAAP reported sales												
change	9 %	38 %	20 %	26 %	10 %	24 %	20 %	22 %	20 %			
Plus: Currency												
translation effects		—%	(1) %	(1) %	(2) %	(2) %	(1) %	(2) %	(1) %			
Constant currency sales change	9 %	38 %	19 %	25 %	8 %	22 %	19 %	20 %	19 %			

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

International Segment

Three Months Ended Septer	nber 30	. 2023
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	Breathing Apparatus	Firefighter Helmets and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales
GAAP reported sales									
change	45 %	3 %	52 %	6 %	4 %	15 %	29 %	6 %	25 %
Plus: Currency									
translation effects	(6) %	(7) %	(5) %	(2) %	(1) %	(6) %	(5) %	(4) %	(4) %
Constant currency sales change	39 %	(4) %	47 %	4 %	3 %	9 %	24 %	2 %	21 %

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023

		Firefighter Helmets							
	Breathing Apparatus	and Protective Apparel	Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	Portable Gas Detection	Industrial Head Protection	Fall Protection	Core Sales	Non-Core Sales	Net Sales
GAAP reported sales		• •							
change	25 %	(2) %	32 %	16 %	11 %	20 %	20 %	2 %	18 %
Plus: Currency									
translation effects	1 %	- %	— %	2 %	3 %	1 %	1 %	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Constant currency sales change	26 %	(2) %	32 %	18 %	14 %	21 %	21 %	2 %	18 %

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.

MSA Safety Incorporated Supplemental Segment Information (Unaudited) Summary of constant currency revenue growth by segment and product group

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023					
	Consolidated	Americas	International			
Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	26 %	16 %	47 %			
Breathing Apparatus	19 %	13 %	39 %			
Firefighter Helmets & Protective Apparel	16 %	23 %	(4) %			
Fall Protection	11 %	11 %	9 %			
Portable Gas Detection	9 %	10 %	4 %			
Industrial Head Protection	2 %	2 %	3 %			
Core Sales	16 %	13 %	24 %			

Non-Core Sales	—%	(2) %	2 %
Net Sales	15 %	12 %	21 %

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023					
	Consolidated	Americas	International			
Fixed Gas and Flame Detection	23 %	19 %	32 %			
Breathing Apparatus	13 %	9 %	26 %			
Firefighter Helmets & Protective						
Apparel	28 %	38 %	(2) %			
Fall Protection	22 %	22 %	21 %			
Portable Gas Detection	23 %	25 %	18 %			
Industrial Head Protection	9 %	8 %	14 %			
Core Sales	19 %	19 %	21 %			
Non-Core Sales	12 %	20 %	2 %			
Net Sales	19 %	19 %	18 %			

MSA Safety Incorporated 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 and percentage amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Mon Septer						
		2023		2022	% Change		2023		2022	% Change
Net income (loss)	\$	65,256	\$	44,906	45 %	\$	(17,827)	\$	128,141	(114) %
Loss on divestiture of MSA LLC Deferred tax asset write-off related		_		_			129,211		_	
to divestiture of MSA LLC		_		_			70,366		_	
Product liability expense		_		4,035			3		9,733	
Amortization of acquisition-related										
intangible assets		2,315		2,279			6,936		6,922	
Transaction costs (a)		78		620			78		1,476	
Restructuring charges		3,285		899			8,382		3,146	
Asset related losses (gains) and										
other		42		4,652			(671)		4,776	
Currency exchange losses, net		1,496		2,979			8,781		4,788	
Income tax expense on										
adjustments		(2,327)		(3,331)			(9,248)		(7,400)	
Adjusted earnings	\$	70,145	\$	57,039	23 %	\$	196,011	\$	151,582	29 %
Adjusted earnings per diluted										
share	\$	1.78	\$	1.45	23 %	\$	4.97	\$	3.85	29 %

^(a)Transaction costs include advisory, legal, accounting, valuation, and other professional or consulting fees incurred during acquisitions and divestitures. These costs are included in Selling, general and administrative expense in the unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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 (loss) determined on a GAAP basis as well as adjusted earnings.

MSA Safety Incorporated 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 September 30, 2023			
Operating income	\$	199,690		
Loss on divestiture of MSA LLC		129,211		
Depreciation and amortization		50,178		
Product liability expense		10,860		
Restructuring charges		13,201		
Currency exchange losses, net		14,248		
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets		9,221		
Transaction costs (a)		1,835		
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	428,444		
Total end-of-period debt		742,012		
Debt to adjusted EBITDA		1.7		
Total end-of-period debt	\$	742,012		
Total end-of-period cash and cash equivalents		164,499		
Net debt	\$	577,513		
Net debt to adjusted EBITDA		1.3		

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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 Safety:

Established in 1914, MSA Safety Incorporated is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products and solutions that protect people and facility infrastructures. Many MSA products integrate a combination of electronics, software, 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 fire service, the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, construction, industrial manufacturing applications, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration, utilities, 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 2022 revenues of \$1.5 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

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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, adjusted earnings, adjusted earnings per diluted share, debt to adjusted EBITDA, and net debt to adjusted EBITDA. These non-GAAP financial measures provide information useful to investors in understanding our operating performance and trends, and to facilitate comparisons with the performance of our peers. Management also uses these measures internally to assess and better understand our underlying business performance and trends related to core business activities. The non-GAAP financial measures and key performance indicators we use, and computational methods with respect thereto, may differ from the non-GAAP financial measures and key performance indicators, and computational methods, that our peers use to assess their performance and trends.

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