MSA Safety and optrel® Announce New Partnership and Introduce New Powered Air-Purifying Respirator Technology in North America

PITTSBURGH, August 1, 2024 – MSA Safety, Inc. (NYSE: MSA), a global leader in the development of safety solutions that help protect people and facility infrastructures, and optrel®, Inc., a leading innovator in welding safety, today announced a new partnership making MSA Safety an exclusive distribution partner for optrel Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) in North America.

The announcement includes the introduction of the all-new optrel Helix Pure Air PAPR and as well as the Clearmaxx PAPR to the North American respiratory market. These industry-leading optrel PAPRs represent the latest available solutions in MSA Safety's comprehensive respiratory protection portfolio. The PAPR uses an advanced motor blower to allow air to pass through a filter, removing contaminants, and supplying purified air to the user's headgear. The Helix Pure Air and Clearmaxx headgear models leverage optrel's advanced design for use in welding, grinding and a full range of industrial applications.

Designed for Comfort and Performance

The optrel Helix Pure Air and Clearmaxx PAPRs are designed to meet the most rigorous safety standards and help to provide reliable protection against airborne contaminants. They offer a unique combination of features that prioritize user comfort and performance:

- Optical Clarity: optrel's industry-leading lenses include Shadetronic® and Fadetronic auto darkening filter (ADF) technology to provide optical clarity for welding and a wide field of view for grinding and other industrial applications.
- Advanced Airflow Technology: optrel's innovative airflow system features automatic and manual airflow adjustments, ensuring a comfortable breathing experience, even during extended use.
- Ergonomic Design: The lightweight and well-balanced design minimizes wearer fatigue and improves work efficiency.

Shared Commitment to Safety

"Both MSA Safety and optrel share a deep commitment to worker safety," said Rob Willis, Global Product Group Director for Industrial PPE at MSA Safety. "Optrel's reputation for excellence in welding safety aligns perfectly with MSA Safety's mission, and together we can deliver best-in-class respiratory protection solutions to customers across a wide variety of industries and applications."

"We are excited to partner with MSA Safety to introduce our advanced PAPR technology to a wider audience in North America," said Grant Cooper, CEO, at optrel, Inc. "Together, we can make a significant contribution to improving workplace safety for welders and other industrial workers."

Availability

The optrel Helix Pure Air and Clearmaxx PAPRs will be available for purchase through MSA Safety's authorized distributor network in August 2024. For more information on the PAPRs, click here.

About MSA Safety

MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) is the global leader in advanced safety products, technologies and solutions. Driven by its singular mission of safety, the Company has been at the forefront of safety innovation since 1914, protecting workers and facility infrastructure around the world across a broad range of diverse end markets while creating sustainable value for shareholders. With 2023 revenues of $1.8 billion, MSA Safety is headquartered in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania and employs a team of over 5,000 associates across its more than 40 international locations. For more information, please visit www.MSASafety.com.

About Optrel

Optrel is a leading international manufacturer of innovative active eye and respiratory protection products for the welding, grinding, and healthcare industries. It is a technological leader in the development of ADFs for the welding industry and other optoelectronic protection systems. Founded in 1986, optrel is headquartered in Wattwil, Switzerland. Its North American operations are based in East Greenwich, Rhode Island, USA. Visit optrel on the web at optrel.us.

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