



MSA Declares First Quarter Dividend

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PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of Mine Safety Appliances Company (Amex: MSA) at its meeting today declared a first quarter dividend of 7 cents per share on the newly-split common stock, payable March 10, 2004 to shareholders of record on February 20, 2004. It is the equivalent of 21 cents per share on the common stock before the split, representing a pre-split one cent increase in the common stock dividend.

The Board also declared a dividend of 56-1/4 cents per share on preferred stock, payable March 1, 2004 to shareholders of record on February 20, 2004.

SOURCE Mine Safety Appliances Company