



MSA Increases Second Quarter Dividend by 43 Percent

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PITTSBURGH, April 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of Mine Safety Appliances Company (Amex: MSA) at its meeting on April 29 declared a second quarter dividend of 10 cents per share on common stock, payable June 10, 2004 to shareholders of record on May 21, 2004. This represents an increase from the previous quarterly dividend of 7 cents.

The Board also declared a dividend of 56-1/4 cents per share on preferred stock, payable June 1, 2004 to shareholders of record on May 21, 2004.

SOURCE Mine Safety Appliances Company