



MSA Completes Acquisition of Sordin AB of Sweden

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PITTSBURGH, June 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MSA (Amex: MSA) today announced it has completed the acquisition of Sordin AB of Sweden, a leading manufacturer of passive and electronic hearing protection equipment designed for the industrial, law enforcement and military markets.

With the acquisition complete, MSA enhances its position as a provider of leading-edge and modern hearing protective devices. Many of Sordin's products are compatible with other safety products manufactured by MSA, including MSA's flagship V-Gard(R) Hard Hat. Sordin AB also developed the modular integrated communications system currently being used with MSA's Advanced Combat Helmet, which MSA manufactures for the U.S. Army.

"We are pleased to have this acquisition finalized and look forward to integrating the Sordin line of hearing protection devices into MSA's product portfolio," commented John T. Ryan III, MSA Chairman and CEO. "Sordin's experience in the hearing protection market is well known and puts us in a stronger position to meet our customers' needs when it comes to providing a full line of hearing protection devices."

Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of sophisticated products that protect people's health and safety. The company has annual sales of nearly \$700 million, manufacturing operations throughout the United States and Europe and 28 international affiliates. MSA's comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in the fire service, homeland security, construction and other industries, as well as the military. These products include self-contained breathing apparatus, gas masks, gas detection instruments, head protection, respirators and thermal imaging cameras. The company also provides a broad offering of consumer and contractor safety products, which are available through select home center retail outlets under the MSA Safety Works brand. More information about MSA is available on the company's Web site at <http://www.msanet.com>.

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