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**MSA Introduces the Solaris<sup>®</sup> Multigas Detector with Alkaline Batteries**

PITTSBURGH, February 10, 2006 —MSA (NYSE: MSA) is pleased to announce the release of the new Solaris Multigas Detector with Alkaline Batteries. This new version of the Solaris Multigas Detector will continuously operate for 12+ hours utilizing three AA batteries. Designed with two easy-to-remove thumb screws and with durability in mind, this version of the Solaris Multigas Detector will continue to be one of industries' toughest and easiest-to-use instruments.

The Solaris Multigas Detector is the handiest five-gas detector on the market and provides the best value in its class. This economical monitor provides simultaneous detection of up to four common industrial contaminants, and users may choose from CO, O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, NO<sub>2</sub> and combustible gas sensors. Ergonomically designed and weighing less than 8 ounces, it is comfortable enough to be worn all day and provides reliable protection.

Encased in rubberized impact-absorbing armor, the Solaris Multigas Detector is designed for the harshest industrial environments, with an IP 65 rating for superior protection against liquid and dust ingress. Easily configured to detect up to 4 gases simultaneously, the detector features a world-class triple alarm system with high-intensity,

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high-visibility alarm lights, an audible alarm of over 100 dB, and a strong vibrating alarm.

An optional powered sampling pump is contained within the sampling probe accessory. It can be used with up to 50 feet of tubing for remote sampling and includes an extensive filtering system to keep out liquid and particulate contaminants. The Solaris Multigas Detector also features an outstanding, two-year all-inclusive warranty.

For more information on the **Solaris Multigas Detector**, request Bulletin # **08-1650** by dialing 1-800-MSA-2222, or contact your nearest MSA distributor. To learn about MSA and our other high-quality products, visit our web site at:

[www.msanet.com/instruments](http://www.msanet.com/instruments)

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