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Fairmont Supply adds repair facility

CANONSBURG, PA (October 10, 2008) Fairmont Supply Company, a national full-line distributor of industrial maintenance, repair and operating supplies has opened a repair facility to offer Factory Authorized Repairs for gas detection units.

The repair facility, which is located near the company's Fairmont Rubber Product division in Fairmont, West Virginia, is focused on providing both repair and factory warranty services to their customers for MSA's Solaris® units as well as other gas detection units. The company's intent is to expand these services to other MSA Gas Detection and Testing products soon.

The new service offers Fairmont's customers a one-stop-shop. Their customers can not only purchase new detectors at a competitive price, but Fairmont is now able to repair, or where applicable, provide a warranty repair or replacement at no charge.

Fairmont's repair technicians have been factory trained to provide this service. The initial test pilot began in early May and included MSA trainers on site. The company now offers services in their Northern West Virginia operational region. According to Van Compagni, Fairmont Supply's Vice President - Sales and Marketing, the plan is to expand these value-added services to their customers across the United States through all their operational regions by year end 2008.

Fairmont Supply Company, headquartered in Canonsburg, PA, is a full-line distributor of industrial maintenance, repair and operating supplies. The company is recognized nationally as a leader in materials management utilizing a state-of-the-art computerized system. Fairmont Supply offers products from more than 1,000 manufacturers, including mine specialty, electrical, safety, industrial rubber, material handling, power transmission, piping systems and general mill supply products.

Fairmont Supply has 25 customer service centers located nationally. Additional information about the company can be found at its web site: www.fairmontsupply.com

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