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## Scaffold Solution From MSA Africa Combines Comfort, Advanced Safety

*30 November 2018: When erecting, altering, or dismantling scaffolding, scaffolders are regularly exposed to the risk of a fall. In addition, scaffolders often work in adverse weather conditions. Therefore, MSA Africa has introduced the V-TEC™ Personal Fall Limiter (PFL) to cater for health and safety requirements in this market segment.*

The V-TEC™ PFL with aluminium scaffold hook delivers durable protection that is both quick and easy-to-use, and comfortable to wear all day, every day thanks to its lightweight construction. **Tim Bissett**, MSA's Technical Manager for Fall Protection, acknowledges the challenges facing the scaffolding sector.

"In the hierarchy of fall protection, the first step is to avoid the risk, which we realise is not practicable for scaffolders much of the time." Bissett reveals that the V-TEC™ is the most compact and lightweight self-retracting lanyard ever developed in its class, using multiple spring radial energy-absorbing technology.

This new design eliminates the need for an external energy-absorber outside of the housing, making it the smallest retractable lanyard in its class on the market. What the V-TEC™ scaffold hook solution provides is a fall protection system that enables a scaffolder to carry out their work while secured to either horizontal, vertical, or tube connections between joints.

The V-TEC™ PFL's pedigree is derived from developments in the hi-tech automotive industry, combining an ultra-tough polycarbonate transparent outer casing that facilitates inspection. Also suited for ladder work, and with a single-handed operation, the aluminium scaffold hook has an easy-on, easy-off hook with an automatic closing feature. It is compliant with EN, ANSI and CSA requirements.

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### Notes to the editor

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