# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 3, 2016



# MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15579

(Commission File Number)

46-4914539

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1000 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

16066-5207 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 724-776-8600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

MSA Safety Incorporated established the Americas and International segments on January 1, 2016. The Americas segment is comprised of our operations in North America and Latin America geographies. The International segment is comprised of our operations of all geographies outside of the Americas. Previously, the Company reported results for the North America, Europe and International segments. The 2015 unaudited segment results have been recast by quarter to conform with current period presentation and are contained in the attached exhibit. Please refer to Note 8 of MSA's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 for additional information.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 MSA Safety Incorporated 2015 quarterly segment results recast to conform with current period presentation.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Registrant)

By /s/ Kenneth D. Krause

Kenneth D. Krause

Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 3, 2016

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit
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Unaudited reportable segment information is presented in the following tables.

(In thousands)	Americas		International		Corporate		conciling Items	Consolidated Totals	
Three Months Ended March 31, 2015									
Sales to external customers	\$ 158,502	\$	98,206	\$	_	\$		\$ 256,708	
Operating income (loss)	23,909		7,569		(6,937)		_	24,541	
Operating margin %	15.1%		7.7%					9.6%	

(In thousands)	Americas	International Corporate				onciling Items	Consolidated Totals	
Three Months Ended June 30, 2015								
Sales to external customers	\$ 179,565	\$ 107,446	\$	_	\$	— \$	287,011	
Operating income (loss)	37,454	10,892		(8,429)		_	39,917	
Operating margin %	20.9%	10.1%					13.9%	

(In thousands)	Americas	International Corporate		Rec	conciling Items	Consolidated Totals	
Three Months Ended September 30, 2015							
Sales to external customers	\$ 181,283	\$	92,463	\$ _	\$	— \$	273,746
Operating income (loss)	40,470		1,408	(7,356)		_	34,522
Operating margin %	22.3%		1.5%				12.6%

(In thousands)	Americas		International	Corporate		Reconciling Items		Consolidated Totals
Three Months Ended December 31, 2015								
Sales to external customers	\$ 185,404	\$	127,914	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 313,318
Operating income (loss)	40,138		13,632		(15,547)		_	38,223
Operating margin %	21.6%		10.7%					12.2%

(In thousands)	 Americas		International		Corporate		Reconciling Items		Consolidated Totals
Year Ended December 31, 2015									
Sales to external customers	\$ 704,754	\$	426,029	\$	_	\$	_	\$	1,130,783
Operating income (loss)	141,971		33,501		(38,269)		_		137,203
Operating margin %	20.1%		7.9%						12.1%

Operating income (loss) is defined as income from continuing operations before taxes excluding restructuring charges, interest expense, currency exchange gains (losses), and other income (expense). Reconciliations of operating income to income from continuing operations before income taxes as reported in the 2015 consolidated statement of operations are as follows:

	Three Months Ended									
(In thousands)	March 31, 2015		June 30, 2015		Sep	otember 30, 2015	De	cember 31, 2015	De	cember 31, 2015
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	24,526	\$	35,725	\$	24,059	\$	26,716	\$	111,026
Restructuring and other charges		731		227		3,740		7,560		12,258
Interest expense		2,473		2,502		2,827		3,052		10,854
Currency exchange (gains) losses, net		(2,548)		1,557		4,327		(1,132)		2,204
Other (income) loss, net		(641)		(94)		(431)		2,027		861
Operating income	\$	24,541	\$	39,917	\$	34,522	\$	38,223	\$	137,203