FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHAW L EDWARD JR | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA] | | | | | | | | | | | p of Reportin blicable) ctor | g Perso | on(s) to Is | |
|--|--|--|-----------------|--|---|--|---|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|---|------------------|---------|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| (Last) 11377 TU | (Last) (First) (Middle) 11377 TURTLE BEACH ROAD | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/2012 | | | | | | | | | | Office below | er (give title v) | le Other (below) | | (specify | |
| (Street) N. PALM BEACH (City) | N. PALM BEACH FL 33408 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Indiv Line) X | ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | on |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Date) | | | | | ction | 2/ Ex | A. Deem xecution any | . Deemed ecution Date, | | ction Instr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | (A) o | or 5. Am and 5) Secui Benet Owne | | ount of ities icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) Price | | :e | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, no par value 12/28/2 | | | | | 2012 | 012 | | | G | V | 107,500 | 00 D \$0 | | .0000 | 85,123 | | | I | By Wife | |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 30 | 06,961 | | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 39 | 97,547 | | I | 2010 GRAT |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 135,440 | | | Ι | By Wife as Trustee | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Disp of (D | of | | Exerci on Da Day/Y | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | nstr. : | Deri Seci (Inst | rice of vative urity tr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | vnership rm: rect (D) Indirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Titl | Nu of | mbei ares | | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney in Fact 12/31/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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