## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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	1. Name and Addres	ss of Reporting Perso DRTH ROBER		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO</u> [ MSA ]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director	n(s) to Issuer 10% Owner
	(Last) 1000 CRANBEF	(First) RRY WOODS DR	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2012	Α	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)
	(Street) CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP	PA		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ridual or Joint/Group Filing ( Form filed by One Report Form filed by More than ( Person	ing Person
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)				

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date Executio (Month/Day/Year) if any		xecution Date, Transaction		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(11311.4)	
Common Stock, no par value	05/11/2012		Α		1,217	Α	\$0.0000	10,269.408	D		

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y	ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non- statutory Stock Option	\$42.54	05/11/2012		A		2,675		05/11/2015	05/11/2022	Common Stock, no par value	2,675	\$42.54	2,675	D	

Explanation of Responses:

### <u>Douglas K. McClaine,</u> <u>Attorney in Fact</u>

05/15/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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