

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>BOVE KERRY M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>121 GAMMA DRIVE, RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK</u> (Street) <u>PITTSBURGH PA 15238</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/23/2012</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			
Common stock, no par value	02/23/2012		M		3,133	A	\$10.653	62,220	D	
Common stock, no par value	02/23/2012		M		14,333	A	\$10.653	76,553	D	
Common stock, no par value	02/23/2012		S		14,333	D	\$37.6075 ⁽¹⁾	62,220	D	
Common stock, no par value	02/24/2012		S		975	D	\$37.9978 ⁽²⁾	61,245	D	

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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
Incentive Stock Option	\$10.653	02/23/2012		M		3,133		03/12/2004	03/12/2013	Common stock, no par value	3,133	\$10.653	0	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$10.653	02/23/2012		M		14,333		03/12/2004	03/12/2013	Common stock, no par value	14,333	\$10.653	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$37.4200 to \$37.8802
- 2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$37.9700 to \$38.0180

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney 02/24/2012
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** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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