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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Vartanian Nishan J.</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE<br><br>(Street)<br>CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><u>CEO and President / Chairman</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>11/16/2020               |  |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     |  |

**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      | 11/16/2020                           |  | M                              |   | 12,744  | A          | \$44.5                    | 51,825  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 11/16/2020                           |  | M                              |   | 5,623   | A          | \$48.64                   | 57,448  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 11/16/2020                           |  | S                              |   | 8,098   | D          | \$141.5506 <sup>(1)</sup> | 49,350  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 11/16/2020                           |  | S                              |   | 8,259   | D          | \$140.7006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 41,091  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                           | 1,190   | I  | By Wife   |

**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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)    | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Non-statutory Stock Option                 | \$48.64  | 11/16/2020                           |  | M                              |   |  | 5,623  | 02/25/2018   | 02/25/2025      | Common Stock, no par value  | 5,623                                      | \$48.64  | 0.0000  | D  |       |
| Non-statutory Stock Option                 | \$44.5   | 11/16/2020                           |  | M                              |   |  | 12,744 | 03/01/2019   | 03/01/2026      | Common Stock, no par value  | 12,744                                     | \$44.5   | 0.0000  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$141.02 to \$142.00.
- 2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$140.38 to \$140.99.

Stephanie L. Sciuolo, Attorney 11/17/2020  
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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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