FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## TEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name ar<br>LAMB   |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ] |  |        |   |     |           |       |  | (Ch  | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner |   |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--------|---|-----|-----------|-------|--|------|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE   |   |  |  |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2016 |     |           |       |  |      |   |   | Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  President and CEO   |   |  | pecify   |  |
| (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS TOWNSHIP (City) (S  |   |  | 16066<br>(Zip)                                       |        | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |     |           |       |  |      |   | Line  | dividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable )  Compared to the proof of the pr |   |  |  |  |
|  |   |  | le I - Non-  | Deriva | tive  | Sec | urities   | Ac    | quired, D  | ispo | osed o  | f, or Be  | neficial   | y Owned   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |  |        | Execution Date,   |     | Code (Ins | ion I | 5) (A) or  |      | tr. 3, 4 and  | Securities F<br>Beneficially (I   |  | rm: Direct<br>or Indirect<br>(Instr. 4)             | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |  |        |   |     |           |       |  |      |   |   |  |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | se (Month/Day/Year)  | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Y | Co     | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                                 |     |           |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      |   | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |  | Co     | ode \   | v   | (A)       | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  |      | piration<br>te  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>statutory<br>Stock<br>Option   | \$44.5  | 03/01/2016   |  | A      | A   |     | 81,916    |       | 03/01/2019   | 03/  | /01/2026  | Common<br>Stock, no<br>par value  | 81,916   | \$44.5  | 81,916   | D  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney 03/03/2016

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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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