

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RYAN JOHN T III</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MSA Safety Inc [MSA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/02/2017</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	05/02/2017		M		4,854	A	\$21.71	1,018,655	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/02/2017		M		3,715	A	\$29.33	1,022,370	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/02/2017		M		912	A	\$45.24	1,023,282	D	
Common Stock, no par value								120,011	I	By Limited Partnership ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, no par value								288,513	I	By Wife
Common Stock, no par value								11,000	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value								823,878	I	Co-Trustee ⁽²⁾

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)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$45.24	05/02/2017		M		912	02/26/2011	02/26/2018	Common Stock, no par value	912	\$45.24	0.0000	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$29.33	05/02/2017		M		3,715	05/14/2013	05/14/2020	Common Stock, no par value	3,715	\$29.33	0.0000	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$21.71	05/02/2017		M		4,854	05/15/2012	05/15/2019	Common Stock, no par value	4,854	\$21.71	0.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Family limited partnership in which I am a general partner and in which I and members of my immediate family are owners of pecuniary interests.
- Shares held in trusts of which I am a trustee and in which I and members of my immediate family are among the beneficiaries.

Douglas K. McClaine,
Attorney in Fact

05/04/2017

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

