FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| <b>STATEMENT</b> | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | <b>OWNERSHIP</b> |
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| MCCLAINE DOUGLAS K   |   |            |                 |                      |  | MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ]        |   |       |   |         |  |  |   | (Check all applicable)  Director  Officer (give title Other (specify below) |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|------------|-----------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|-------|---|---------|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last)<br>1000 CR  | Last) (First) (Middle) 000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE        |            |                 |                      |  |                               | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/06/2019   |       |   |         |  |  |   |   | Officer (give title below)  Sr. Vice Presid   |  | below)  | респу  |
| (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066 TOWNSHIP                         |   |            |                 | 4. 1                 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |                               |   |       |   |         |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |  |   |  |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye |   |            |                 |                      | on<br>Year)  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, |   | ate,  |   |         | Acquired (A) or<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  | 5. Ame<br>Secur<br>Benef<br>Owner   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially                                  |   | Direct of ndirect of tr. 4)                                    | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |  |
|  |   |            |                 |                      |  |                               | Ī   | Code  | v   | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D)                              | Price  | Transa  | ported<br>ansaction(s)<br>str. 3 and 4)                                     |   |  | (Instr. 4)  |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 12/06/20                                |   |            | )19             | 9                    |  |                               | M   |       | 7,960                                     | A       | \$48.95                                    |  | 6,553   | I   | )   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 12/06/201                               |   |            |                 | )19                  | 9  |                               |   | M     |   | 6,943   | Α  | \$36.69 23   |   | 3,496   | I   | )  |   |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 12/06/2019                              |   |            |                 | )19                  | 9  |                               |   | S     |   | 4,058   | D  | \$127.4868 <sup>(1)</sup> 19   |   | 9,438   | I   | )  |   |  |
| Common   | Stock, no p   | oar value  |                 | 12/06/20             | )19  |                               |   |       | S   |         | 10,845                                     | D  | \$126.378   | 86 <sup>(2)</sup> 8,593 D   |   |  |   |  |
|  |   | 7          | able            |                      |  |                               |   |       |   |         | sposed of                                  |  |   | y Owned   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                | Conversion Date Ex<br>or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if a |            | Exect<br>if any | eemed<br>ution Date, | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                  |                               | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |       | 6. Date Exe<br>Expiration I<br>(Month/Day |         | cisable and<br>late                        | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                         | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | wnership<br>orm:<br>irect (D)<br>r Indirect         | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |            |                 |                      | Code   | v                             | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exerc                             | cisable | Expiration Date                            | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Non-<br>statutory<br>Stock<br>Option                               | \$36.69   | 12/06/2019 |                 |                      | M  |                               |   | 6,943 | 02/1                                      | 7/2015  | 02/17/2022                                 | Commo<br>Stock, n<br>par valu  | 6,943   | \$36.69   | 0.0000  | )  | D   |  |
| Non-<br>statutory<br>Stock<br>Option                               | \$48.95   | 12/06/2019 |                 |                      | M  |                               |   | 7,960 | 02/2                                      | 0/2016  | 02/20/2023                                 | Commo<br>Stock, n<br>par valu  | 7,960   | \$48.95   | 0.0000  |  | D   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$127.140 to \$127.960.
- 2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$126.100 to \$126.920.

12/09/2019 Douglas K. McClaine

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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