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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RYAN JOHN T III | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MSA Safety Inc</u> [MSA] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|--|---|---|----|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | X | Director | Х | 10% Owner | | |
| I | | (Middlo) | | X | Officer (give title below) | | Other (specify below) | | |
| | | () | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2015 | | Chairman | | | | |
| (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS | РА | 16066 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | Line) | idual or Joint/Group F | 0. | | | |
| TOWNSHIP | | | | X | Form filed by One F Form filed by More Person | • | 0 | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|----------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | v | Amount (A) (D) | | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, no par value | 05/15/2015 | | A | | 2,195 | A | \$0.0000 | 1,069,130 | D | |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | 353,119 | Ι | By Wife ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | 159,638 | I | By Wife as Trustee ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | 2,331,755 | Ι | Co- Trustee ⁽³⁾ |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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|---|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 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. Transa Code (8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | 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 | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. I disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares.

2. Shares held in trusts of which I am not a trustee and in which members of my immediate family are beneficiaries. I disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares.

3. 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, | |
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| Attorney in Fact | |
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05/18/2015

Date

** 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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