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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BIGLER JOSEPH A</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 121 GAMMA DRIVE RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK (Street) PITTSBURGH PA 15238 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X Vice President
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/24/2006	
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	05/24/2006		M		8,229	A	\$12.1388	63,257	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		229	D	\$40.62	63,028	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		500	D	\$40.54	62,528	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		500	D	\$40.53	62,028	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		500	D	\$40.51	61,528	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		1,000	D	\$40.52	60,528	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		1,400	D	\$40.6	59,128	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		1,500	D	\$40.5	57,628	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/24/2006		S		2,600	D	\$40.55	55,028	D	

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)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Incentive Stock Option	\$12.1388	05/24/2006		M		8,229		09/11/2002	03/11/2012	Common Stock, no par value	8,229	\$12.1388	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Douglas K. McClaine,
Attorney in Fact

05/25/2006

** 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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