

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><u>LAMBERT WILLIAM M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>121 GAMMA DRIVE<br>RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK<br><br>(Street)<br>PITTSBURGH 15238<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [ MSA ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>Vice President |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/20/2004                          |  |
| 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      | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 15,378  | A          | \$6.5   | 63,301  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 13,872  | A          | \$6.47  | 77,173  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   | 6,597   | A          | \$6.24  | 83,770  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 08/20/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 1,261   | D          | \$41.83 | 82,509  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 08/20/2004                           |  | F                              |   | 5,520   | D          | \$41.83 | 76,989  | 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 <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$18.7278  | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 6,597  | 09/10/1998   | 03/10/2008      | Common Stock, no par value  | 6,597                                      | \$6.24   | 0   | D  |       |
| Incentive Stock Option <sup>(2)</sup>      | \$19.4235  | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 13,872 | 09/09/1999   | 03/09/2009      | Common Stock, no par value  | 13,872                                     | \$6.47   | 0   | D  |       |
| Incentive Stock Option <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$19.5008  | 08/20/2004                           |  | M                              |   |  | 15,378 | 08/28/2000   | 02/28/2010      | Common Stock, no par value  | 15,378                                     | \$6.5  | 0   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This option was previously reported as an option for 2040 shares at an exercise price of \$20.1875, but was adjusted to reflect the special distribution paid on November 24, 2003 and the 3-for-1 stock split on January 28, 2004.
- This option was previously reported as an option for 4290 shares at an exercise price of \$20.9375, but was adjusted to reflect the special distribution paid on November 24, 2003 and the 3-for-1 stock split on January 28, 2004.
- This option was previously reported as an option for 4755 shares at an exercise price of \$21.02083, but was adjusted to reflect the special distribution paid on November 24, 2003 and the 3-for-1 stock split on January 28, 2004.

**Remarks:**

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney 08/24/2004  
in Fact, Power of Attorney

\*\* 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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