FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* UNKOVIC JOHN C						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA]									5. Relationship of Reporting F (Check all applicable) X Director				(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/22/2011									Officer (give title below)				Other (specify below)	
(Street) CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									i. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person 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. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution Date,						ties Acquired (A) Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			l and Secui Benef Owne		cially d Following	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	- 1	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(11150.4)
Common Stock, no par value 08/22/									P		1,000		A	\$25.7		.75 33,719		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)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date, ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			ay/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Expiratio				or	ount nber			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Own Form Direc or In (I) (Ir		11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney in Fact

08/22/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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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