

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RYAN JOHN T III</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>121 GAMMA DRIVE</u> <u>RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK</u> (Street) <u>PITTSBURGH PA 15238</u> (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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Chairman & CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/22/2006</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. 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	05/22/2006		s		400	D	\$40.75	1,001,701	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		500	D	\$40.15	1,001,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		500	D	\$40.58	1,000,701	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		500	D	\$40.4	1,000,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		500	D	\$40.67	999,701	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		500	D	\$40.61	999,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,000	D	\$40.36	998,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,000	D	\$40.6	997,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,000	D	\$40.5	996,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,000	D	\$40.25	995,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,000	D	\$40.7	994,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,500	D	\$40.55	992,701	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,500	D	\$40.65	991,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		1,500	D	\$40.35	989,701	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		2,500	D	\$40.3	987,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/22/2006		s		3,000	D	\$40.33	984,201	D	
Common Stock, no par value								358,063	I	By Wife ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock, no par value								147,574	I	By Partnership ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, no par value								160,357	I	By Wife as Trustee ⁽³⁾
Common Stock, no par value								1,521,889	I	As Co-Trustee ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock, no par value								474,156	I	Co-Trustee ⁽⁵⁾
Preferred - 4-1/2% Cumulative								187	D	
Preferred - 4-1/2% Cumulative								93	I	By Testamentary Trust ⁽⁶⁾

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

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