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### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addre                          | 1 0                  |                   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MSA Safety Inc</u> [ MSA ] |                        | ationship of Reporting<br>all applicable)<br>Director   | , ,        |                                    |  |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------|---|------------|------------------------------------|--|
| (Last)<br>1000 CRANBE                      | (First)<br>RRY WOODS | (Middle)<br>DRIVE | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>03/13/2019               |                        | Officer (give title<br>below)<br>Non-executiv   | X<br>e Cha | Other (specify<br>below)<br>airman |  |
| (Street)<br>CRANBERRY<br>WOODS<br>TOWNSHIP | PA<br>(State)        | 16066<br>(Zip)    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                     | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |            |                                    |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |      | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)<br>Code (Instr. |        | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |   |            |
|---------------------------------|--|---|------|---|--------|---|---|---|---|------------|
|                                 |  |   | Code | v   | Amount | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)      |   | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/13/2019                                 |   | S    |   | 1,200  | D   | \$104.0217(1)   | 56,734  | D |            |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/13/2019                                 |   | S    |   | 4,200  | D   | \$102.771 <sup>(2)</sup>  | 52,534  | D |            |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/13/2019                                 |   | S    |   | 19,192 | D   | \$103.6219 <sup>(3)</sup>   | 33,342  | D |            |
| Common Stock, no par value      |  |   |      |   |        |   |   | 60,600  | Ι | By Wife    |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4<br>and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(S)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                                    | v | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Share price on this transaction ranged from 103.78 to 104.53

2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$102.60 to \$102.94.

3. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$103.01 to \$103.75.

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Attorney in Fact

03/14/2019

\*\* 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).

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