FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SHAW L EDWARD JR | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MSA Safety Inc [MSA] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
| SHAW L EDWARD JR | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | C Direct | ctor | 10% | Owner | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 11377 TURTLE BEACH ROAD | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2018 | | | | | | | | _ | Offic belov | er (give title w) | Other below | (specify) | |
| (Ctroot) | | | | | 4. If | Amer | ndment, | Date o | of Original | l Filed | d (Month/Da | ay/Year) | 1 | | | r Joint/Group | Filing (Check | Applicable |
| (Street) N. PALM BEACH | I FL | . 3 | 33408 | | | | | | | | | | | Line | X Forn | , | Reporting Per | |
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| (City) | (St | ate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day) | | | | | Execution Date, | | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securiti Disposed | | | | | Securi Benef | icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) (D) | or F | rice | Transa | action(s) 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock, no par value 05/18/2 | | | | 2018 | | A | | 1,317 | I | A 5 | 0.000 | 0 49 | 98,138 | D | | | | |
| Common Stock, no par value | | | | | | | | | | | | 7 | 9,123 | I | By Wife | | | |
| 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. Deem Execution if any (Month/D | n Date, | 4. Transactic Code (Inst 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | e | r) Amount or Securities Underlying Derivative Security (I and 4) | | r. 3 | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | ble | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | oer | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Douglas K. McClaine, **Attorney in Fact**

05/21/2018

** 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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