FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vartanian Nishan J.</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MSA Safety Inc [MSA]									Check	all app	olicable)	1	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specif	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2016									X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President						
(Street) CRANBI WOODS TOWNSI (City)	NBERRY DDS PA 16066			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									i. Indiv ine) X	′					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day						r) Ex	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				4 and 5) Secu Bene Own		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount	8	(A) or (D)	Price			action(s) 3 and 4)			(IIISII. 4)	
Common Stock, no par value 03/08/2					/2016	:016			A		651		A	\$0.0	\$0.0000		1,870	D		
Common Stock, no par value 03/08/2					/2016	2016					205	D \$4		\$45	5.18 2		1,665	D		
Common Stock, no par value 03/08/2					/2016	2016					285		D	\$45.18		21,380		D		
Common Stock, no par value															1,1		1,190	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. Deen Executio if any (Month/D	n Date, Pay/Year) -	4. Transa Code (8)		on of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) Amount or Numbe of Title Shares		f g Instr. 3	1		9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Inst	D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Explanation of Responses:

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney in Fact 03/10/2016

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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