

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 26, 2020



MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

1-15579

(Commission File Number)

46-4914539

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**1000 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania**
(Address of principal executive offices)

16066-5207
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 724-776-8600

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common stock, no par value	MSA	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(c) On February 26, 2020, Jonathan D. Buck, 37, Controller of the Company, was appointed by the Board of Directors as the Principal Accounting Officer of the Company. Mr. Buck has been Controller since September 2018. Prior thereto, Mr. Buck was Deputy Corporate Controller from January 2018, was Assistant Corporate Controller from February 2017, was Senior Financial Reporting and Consolidations Manager from December 2015 and was Financial Reporting Manager from December 2013. In connection with his appointment as the Principal Accounting Officer, Mr. Buck received an increase in base salary, cash incentive, and equity compensation. Mr. Buck will continue to participate in the Company’s Executive Incentive Plan, Management Equity Incentive Plan and Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan, each of which is described in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section and elsewhere in the Company’s most recent Proxy Statement dated April 8, 2019, which is incorporated herein by reference. Previously, Kenneth D. Krause, Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, held the position of Principal Accounting Officer.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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