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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RYAN JOHN T III</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/08/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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	05/08/2017		M		2,969	A	\$37.33	1,021,953	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/08/2017		M		2,675	A	\$42.54	1,024,628	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/08/2017		M		2,179	A	\$49.92	1,026,807	D	
Common Stock, no par value	05/09/2017		S		3,300	D	\$77.968 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,023,507	D	
Common Stock, no par value								120,011	I	By Limited Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, no par value								288,513	I	By Wife
Common Stock, no par value								11,000	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value								823,878	I	Co-Trustee <sup>(3)</sup>

**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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$49.92	05/08/2017		M			2,179	05/10/2016	05/10/2023	Common Stock, no par value	2,179	\$49.92	0.0000	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$42.54	05/08/2017		M			2,675	05/11/2015	05/11/2022	Common Stock, no par value	2,675	\$42.54	0.0000	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$37.33	05/08/2017		M			2,969	05/16/2014	05/16/2021	Common Stock, no par value	2,969	\$37.33	0.0000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Share price on this transaction ranged from \$77.90 to \$78.050.
- Family limited partnership in which I am a general partner and in which I and members of my immediate family are owners of pecuniary interests.
- Shares held in trusts of which I am a trustee and in which I and members of my immediate family are among the beneficiaries.

Douglas K. McClaine,  
Attorney in Fact

05/09/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

\* 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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