

**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): June 4, 2017



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)

25-0668780

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

1000 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA

(Address of principal executive offices)

16066

(Zip Code)

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

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))

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.

(d) Election of Director

On June 4, 2017 the Board of Directors of MSA Safety Incorporated elected Thomas W. Giacomini to the Company's Board of Directors. The Company's press release announcing the election is filed as an exhibit to this report.

At this time Mr. Giacomini has not been appointed to any Board Committees. For his services Mr. Giacomini will receive the compensation paid to non-employee directors as described in the "Compensation of Directors" section of the Company's most recent Proxy Statement dated April 7, 2017, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated June 8, 2017

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED
(Registrant)

By /s/ Douglas K. McClaine

Douglas K. McClaine
Senior Vice President, Secretary
and Chief Legal Officer

Date: June 8, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Description

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MSA Safety Incorporated Press Release dated June 8, 2017.



FROM: MSA (MSA Safety Incorporated)

Ticker: MSA (NYSE)

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Thomas W. Giacomini Elected to MSA Board of Directors

PITTSBURGH, June 8, 2017 – The Board of Directors of global safety equipment manufacturer MSA Safety Incorporated (NYSE: MSA) today announced that Thomas W. Giacomini, Chairman, President and CEO of JBT Corporation (NYSE: JBT), has been elected to MSA's Board of Directors. JBT Corporation, based in Chicago, Ill., is a leading global technology solutions provider to the food and aviation industries.

“MSA is very fortunate to welcome such a reputable and proven business leader to the MSA Board,” said William M. Lambert, MSA Chairman and CEO. “I am confident Tom’s expertise across a variety of markets, including industrial products, materials handling and energy, as well his functional expertise in operational excellence, acquisitions and strategy, will provide MSA and our customers with a high level of value and help us achieve the growth initiatives and deliverables that are central to our long-term corporate strategy.”

As Chairman, President and CEO of JBT Corporation, Mr. Giacomini oversees an organization with \$1.3 billion in annual revenue, 20-plus global locations and a customer base spanning more than 25 countries. JBT Corporation employs approximately 5,000 employees worldwide.

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Prior to his role with JBT Corporation, Mr. Giacomini served in a variety of positions of increasing responsibility for Dover Corporation of Downers Grove, Ill. While with Dover, Mr. Giacomini served as President and CEO of Dover Engineered Systems. In this capacity, he was responsible for more than \$3 billion in annual revenue generated by 14 companies serving the global materials handling, energy, fluids, refrigeration, consumer products, and automation markets.

Mr. Giacomini is a former board member of Clarcor Inc., a publicly traded filtration systems company. He received his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan–Dearborn.

About MSA

Established in 1914, MSA Safety Incorporated is the global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of safety products that protect people and facility infrastructures. Many MSA products integrate a combination of electronics, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life-threatening situations. The company's comprehensive product line is used by workers around the world in a broad range of markets, including the oil, gas and petrochemical industry, the fire service, the construction industry, mining and the military. MSA's core products include self-contained breathing apparatus, fixed gas and flame detection systems, portable gas detection instruments, industrial head protection products, fire and rescue helmets, and fall protection devices. With 2016 revenues of \$1.15 billion, MSA employs approximately 4,300 people worldwide. The company is headquartered north of Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township, Pa., and has manufacturing operations in the United States, Europe, Asia and Latin America. With more than 40 international locations, MSA realizes approximately half of its revenue from outside North America. For more information visit MSA's web site at www.MSAafety.com.

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