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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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>Vartanian Nishan J.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE  (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066  (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 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <b>CEO and President</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/07/2019</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)	3A. 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	03/07/2019		M		2,980	A	\$33.55	34,990	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		M		2,535	A	\$24.63	37,525	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		M		1,500	A	\$36.69	39,025	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		M		536	A	\$33.55	39,561	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		F		333	D	\$102.21	39,228	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		F		579	D	\$102.21	38,649	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		F		691	D	\$102.21	37,958	D	
Common Stock, no par value	03/07/2019		F		1,062	D	\$102.21	36,896	D	
Common Stock, no par value								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. 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						Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Stock Option	\$36.69	03/07/2019		M			1,500	02/17/2015	02/17/2022	Common Stock, no par value	1,500	\$36.69	1,225	D	
Incentive Stock Option	\$24.63	03/07/2019		M			2,535	02/23/2013	02/23/2020	Common Stock, no par value	2,535	\$24.63	0.0000	D	
Incentive Stock Option	\$33.55	03/07/2019		M			2,980	02/23/2014	02/23/2021	Common Stock, no par value	2,980	\$33.55	0.0000	D	

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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Non-statutory Stock Option	\$33.55	03/07/2019		M			536	02/23/2014	02/23/2021	Common Stock, no par value	536	\$33.55	0.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Douglas K. McClaine,  
Attorney in Fact

03/11/2019

\*\* 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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