FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BAILLIE JAMES H						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [ MSA ]								heck all appli Directo	cable) or	10% Owner		ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 121 GAMMA DRIVE RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2006								X Officer below)	(give title Other (spe below)  Vice President			респу
(Street) PITTSBURGH PA 15238						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Line)  X Form filed by One			Reporting Person	
(City)	(S	-							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
Date					ction ay/Yea	Executi Year) if any			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			Benefic Owned	es ially Following	6. Ownersh Form: Direc (D) or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	Direct ( Indirect I str. 4)	. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)		(	(Instr. 4)			
Common	Stock, no p	ar value	alue 03/09/2			006			M		13,014	A	\$10.653		,582 D		D	
Common Stock, no par value 03/09/			/2006	.006			M		8,229	A	\$12.1388 49		,811		D			
Common Stock, no par value 03/0			03/09/	/2006				S		500	D	\$39.5	57 49	,311		D		
Common Stock, no par value			03/09/	/2006	6		S		500	D	\$39.5	54 48	,811		D			
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Common Stock, no par value			03/09/	03/09/2006		5		S		2,800	D	\$39.	5 45	5,011		D		
Common Stock, no par value			03/09/	03/09/2006		5		S		8,214	D	\$39.7	71 36	,797	D			
Common Stock, no par value 03/0			03/09/	2006				S		8,229	D	\$39.7	71 28,568			D		
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. Deem Executio if any (Month/D	ned n Date,	4. Transa Code (I 8)	ction	5. Number of		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye		isable and	7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4)	ly Owner Form: Direct or Indi (I) (Ins	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Incentive Stock Option	\$12.1388	03/09/2006			М			8,229	09/11/2	002	03/11/2012	Common Stock, no par value	8,229	\$12.1388	0		D	
Non- statutory Stock Option	\$10.653	03/09/2006			M			13,014	03/12/2	004	03/12/2013	Common Stock, no par value	13,014	\$10.653	0		D	
Explanation Remarks	n of Respons	ses:					-				-		-	•	•			-

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney 03/13/2006 in Fact

\*\* 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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