

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Uhler Paul R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>121 GAMMA DRIVE</u> <u>RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK</u> (Street) <u>PITTSBURGH PA</u> <u>15238</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/10/2006</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [MSA]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vice President</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>5,632</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>02/27/2009</u>	<u>02/27/2016</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 2,495	<u>40.08</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>03/09/2005</u>	<u>03/09/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 3,989	<u>25.065</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>12/14/2005</u>	<u>02/23/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 2,189	<u>45.68</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>09/11/2002</u>	<u>03/11/2012</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 7,728	<u>12.1388</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-statutory Stock Option</u>	<u>02/27/2009</u>	<u>02/27/2016</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 2,565	<u>40.08</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-statutory Stock Option</u>	<u>03/09/2005</u>	<u>03/09/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 1,460	<u>25.065</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-statutory Stock Option</u>	<u>12/14/2005</u>	<u>02/23/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u> 924	<u>45.68</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Douglas K. McClaine,
Attorney in Fact

05/19/2006

** 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 5 (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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