## 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* <u>LAMBERT WILLIAM M</u> |   |  |           |                                 |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ] |  |       |   |   |                 |   |   | Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)     X Director   |   |  | ting Person(s) to Issuer<br>10% Owner               |   |                                       |  |
|---|---|--|-----------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|-------|---|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE                |   |  |           |                                 |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/16/2017  |       |   |   |                 |   |   |   |   | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chairman and CEO  |   |   |                                       |  |
| (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066 TOWNSHIP  (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  |           | 4.                              | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)    |  |  |       |   |   |                 |   |   | ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |   |   |                                       |  |
|   |   | Tak  | ole I - I | Non-Der                         | ivativ  | e Sec  | curitie  | es Ad | cquire                                      | ed, D                                     | isposed c       | of, or B  | enefici   | ally (  | Owned   |  |   |   |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day)  |   |  |           |                                 | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  |       |   | Acquired (A) or<br>(D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 |                 | 5)  | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following |   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |   |                                       |  |
|   |   |  |           |                                 |   |  |  |       | Code  | v   | Amount          | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   |   | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3                                   | tion(s)  |   | (   | Instr. 4)                             |  |
| Common Stock, no par value  |   |  |           | 11/16/2                         | 11/16/2017  |  |  |       | M   |   | 13,942          | Α   | \$24.0  | 63  | 177   | 7,479  |   | D   |                                       |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 11                                     |   |  |           | 11/16/2                         | 1/16/2017   |  |  |       | M   |   | 4,002           | Α   | \$24.0  | 63  | 181   | ,481   |   | D   |                                       |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 11/2                                   |   |  |           | 11/16/2                         | 2017  |  |  |       | S   |   | 4,002           | D   | \$80.00   | 27(1)   | 177   | 7,479  |   | D   |                                       |  |
| Common Stock, no par value 11/16/20                               |   |  |           |                                 | 2017  | 17   |  |       | S   |   | 13,942          | D   | \$79.44   | <b>31</b> <sup>(2)</sup>  | 163   | 3,537  |   | D   |                                       |  |
| Common Stock, no par value  |   |  |           |                                 |   |  |  |       |   |   |                 |   |   | 60  |   | ,600   |   | I I   | By Wife                               |  |
|   |   | -  | Table     |                                 |   |  |  |       | •   | •   | sposed of,      | •   |   | •   | wned  |  |   |   |                                       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)               | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any    | emed<br>ion Date,<br>/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8)                                |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |       | 6. Date Exer<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/ |   | ate             | 7. Title and Amo<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | Do  | Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5)                               | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | ly  | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |  |           |                                 | Code  | v  | (A) (  | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable                         |   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amour<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                         | er  |   |  |   |   |                                       |  |
| Non-<br>statutory<br>Stock<br>Option                              | \$24.63   | 11/16/2017                                 |           |                                 | M   |  |  | 4,002 | 02/23                                       | 3/2013                                    | 02/23/2020      | Common<br>Stock, no<br>par valu   | 4,00  | 2   | \$24.63   | 75,869   | )   | D   |                                       |  |
| Non-<br>statutory<br>Stock<br>Option                              | \$24.63   | 11/16/2017                                 |           |                                 | M   |  | 13,942   |       | 02/23/2013                                  |   | 02/23/2020      | Common<br>Stock, no<br>par value  | no 13,942   |   | \$24.63   | 61,927   |   | D   |                                       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$80.00 to \$80.08.
- 2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$79.4 to \$79.65.

Douglas K. McClaine, Attorney 11/17/2017 in Fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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