

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>Uhler Paul R</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>MSA Safety Inc [ MSA ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Vice President</u> |
|  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/14/2016</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) | 2A. 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      | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 4,731   | A          | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>       | 34,939  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   | 2,494   | A          | \$0 <sup>(1)</sup>       | 37,433  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/14/2016                           |  | F                              |   | 2,152   | D          | \$46.81                  | 35,281  | D  |   |
| Common Stock, no par value      | 03/14/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 4,731   | D          | \$46.2466 <sup>(2)</sup> | 30,550  | 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. 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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | (1)  | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   |  | 2,494 | 02/21/2010   | 02/21/2017      | Common Stock, no par value  | 2,494                                      | \$40.095   | 0.0000  | D  |       |
| Non-statutory Stock Option                 | (1)  | 03/14/2016                           |  | M                              |   |  | 4,731 | 02/21/2010   | 02/21/2017      | Common Stock, no par value  | 4,731                                      | \$40.095   | 0.0000  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Conversion price is \$40.095.
- 2. Share price on this transaction ranged from \$46.1 to \$46.48.

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03/16/2016

\*\* 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).

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