

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Krause Kenneth D.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1000 CRANBERRY WOODS DRIVE  (Street) CRANBERRY WOODS PA 16066 TOWNSHIP  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2015	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MSA Safety Inc [ 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) VP, CFO and Treasurer	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 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)
Common Stock, no par value	8,021	D	
Common Stock, no par value	676.849	I	By 401k

**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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Incentive Stock Option	02/16/2015	02/16/2022	Common Stock, no par value	1,378	36.69	D	
Incentive Stock Option	02/20/2016	02/20/2023	Common Stock, no par value	1,056	48.95	D	
Incentive Stock Option	02/26/2017	02/26/2024	Common Stock, no par value	1,488	51.69	D	
Non-statutory Stock Option	02/25/2018	02/25/2025	Common Stock, no par value	1,685	48.64	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

Douglas K. McClaine, 12/18/2015  
Attorney in Fact

\*\* 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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