MSA Safety Inc Form 8-K January 28, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2019

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Pennsylvania   | 1-15579     | 46-4914539                           |
|--|-------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | (Commission | n                                    |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | File        | (IRS Employer Identification Number) |
|  | Number)     |                                      |
| 1000 Cranberry Woods Drive                                     |             |                                      |
| Cranberry Township, PA   | 16066       |                                      |

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 724-776-8600

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

d. Election of Director

On January 22, 2019, the Board of Directors of MSA Safety Incorporated elected William R. Sperry to the Company's Board of Directors effective February 1, 2019. The Company's press release announcing the election is filed as an exhibit to this report.

At this time, Mr. Sperry has not been appointed to any Board committees. For his services, Mr. Sperry will receive the compensation paid to non-employee directors as described in the "Compensation of Directors" section of the Company's most recent Proxy Statement dated April 6, 2018, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

Exhibit No.Description99.1Press Release dated January 28, 2019.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Registrant)

By /s/ Douglas K. McClaine

Douglas K. McClaine Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer

Date: January 28, 2019

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 MSA Safety Incorporated Press Release dated January 28, 2019.