

MSA Safety Inc  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2018

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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2018

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

1-15579

(Commission File  
Number)

46-4914539

(IRS Employer Identification  
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))

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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

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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.

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

(b) and (c) Change in CEO.

On May 15, 2018, Mr. William M. Lambert retired from his position as Chief Executive Officer of MSA Safety Incorporated (the “Company”) and was elected by the Board of Directors (the “Board”) as Non-Executive Chairman. The same day, the Board elected Nishan J. Vartanian to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Vartanian most recently served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Information concerning Mr. Vartanian can be found in the most recent Proxy Statement of the Company dated April 6, 2018 and filed on the SEC’s EDGAR website. A copy of the press release related to the foregoing matters is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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Item 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated May 15, 2018

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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

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

Date: May 18, 2018

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<u>MSA Safety Incorporated Press Release dated May 15, 2018, regarding the election of Nishan J. Vartanian to CEO and William M. Lambert to Non-Executive Chairman.</u>