MSA Safety Inc Form 8-K February 15, 2017

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): February 14, 2017 MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania1-1557946-4914539(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification Number)1000 Cranberry Woods Drive<br/>Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania<br/>(Address of principal executive offices)16066-5207

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

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

## Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 14, 2017, the Company issued a press release announcing that in an order dated February 9, 2017, the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County awarded a subsidiary of the company \$46.9 million in damages related to a statutory bad faith claim as part of an insurance coverage lawsuit filed in 2010. The award is in addition to a \$10.9 million breach of contract verdict that a jury awarded to the subsidiary, MSA LLC, in October in the same legal action. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d)Exhibits

99.1 MSA Safety Incorporated Press Release dated February 14, 2017, announcing that MSA LLC Awarded a Total of \$57.8 Million in Insurance-Related Lawsuit.

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Registrant)

By /s/ Douglas K. McClaine Douglas K. McClaine Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: February 15, 2017

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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