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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): September 19, 2016 MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 1-15579 46-4914539

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number)

1000 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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

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### Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 19, 2016, MSA Advanced Detection, LLC ("Advanced Detection") and SI Merger Sub, Inc., both indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of MSA Safety Incorporated, entered into a definitive merger agreement with Senscient, Inc. ("Senscient"), resulting in Advanced Detection's acquisition of all issued and outstanding shares of Senscient as of September 19, 2016. 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 September 19, 2016, announcing the acquisition of Senscient, Inc.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

MSA SAFETY INCORPORATED (Registrant)

By /s/ Douglas K. McClaine Douglas K. McClaine Senior Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer Date: September 20, 2016