

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HEARTLAND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>177 BROAD STREET</u> <u>10TH FLOOR</u> (Street) <u>STAMFORD CT 06901</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TRIMAS CORP [TRS]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>03/27/2009</u>	
	4. 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/27/2009		P		11,160 ⁽²⁾	A	\$1.94 ⁽¹⁾	15,102,435 ⁽⁵⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	03/27/2009		P		240 ⁽³⁾	A	\$1.94 ⁽¹⁾	15,102,675 ⁽⁵⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽³⁾
Common Stock	03/27/2009		P		600 ⁽⁴⁾	A	\$1.94 ⁽¹⁾	15,103,275 ⁽⁵⁾	I	See Footnote ⁽⁴⁾

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$1.94 to \$2.02, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to TriMas Corporation, any security holder of TriMas Corporation, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- These securities are owned directly by TriMas Investment Fund I, LLC ("TIF I"). Heartland Industrial Associates, L.L.C. ("Heartland"), the Managing Member of TIF I, is an indirect beneficial owner of these securities.
- These securities are owned directly by TriMas Investment Fund II, LLC ("TIF II"). Heartland, the Managing Member of TIF II, is an indirect beneficial owner of these securities.
- These securities are owned directly by HIP Side-by-Side Partners, L.P. ("HIP"). Heartland, the Managing Member of HIP, is an indirect beneficial owner of these securities.
- Heartland, TIF I, TIF II and HIP may be deemed to be members of a group for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Remarks:

Signature by Daniel P. Tredwell, as Managing Member of Heartland Industrial Associates, L.L.C., the Managing Member of TIF I, TIF II and HIP.

/s/ Daniel P. Tredwell,
Managing Member

03/30/2009

** 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 4 (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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