

TRIMAS CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HEARTLAND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES LLC**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**177 BROAD STREET, 10TH FLOOR**

(Street)

**STAMFORD, CT 06901**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**TRIMAS CORP [TRS]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**04/19/2011**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

See Footnote 1

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 04/19/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 4,500,000   | D  | \$ 20                             |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,404,972   | I  |                                   |

See Footnotes (1) (2)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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| 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) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|----------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other          |
| HEARTLAND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES LLC<br>177 BROAD STREET<br>10TH FLOOR<br>STAMFORD, CT 06901 |               | X         |         | See Footnote 1 |

**Signatures**

/s/ Daniel P. Tredwell, Managing Member  
 04/21/2011  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

**Explanation of Responses:**

- \* 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).
  - (1) These securities are owned directly by TriMas Investment Fund I, L.L.C. ("TIF I"). TIF I will sell 4,500,000 shares. Following the sale of these securities, TIF I will own 4,320,936 shares. Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P. ("Heartland Partners"), as the managing member of TIF I, and Heartland Industrial Associates, L.L.C. ("Heartland"), as the General Partner of Heartland Partners, may each be deemed to be an indirect beneficial owner of the securities held by TIF I and each disclaims beneficial ownership (as defined in Rule 16a-1(a)(2)) of these securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.
  - (2) Heartland, Heartland Partners and TIF I 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, which is the General Partner of Heartland Partners, which is the reporting owner of the securities.  
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