

TRIMAS CORP  
Form SC 13D/A  
August 21, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 8)\*

**TriMas Corporation**

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

896215209

(CUSIP Number)

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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(1) Name of reporting persons

Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

..

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

(7) Sole voting power

Number of

shares (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 3,904,972 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
3,904,972 Shares of Common Stock

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3,904,972 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check Box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

..

(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

9.8%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO

(1) Name of reporting persons

Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

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(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

(7) Sole voting power

Number of

shares (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 3,615,169 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
3,615,169 Shares of Common Stock

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3,615,169 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

9.0%

(14) Type of reporting person

PN

(1) Name of reporting persons

TriMas Investment Fund I, L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

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(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

(7) Sole voting power

Number of

shares (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 1,371,342 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
1,371,342 Shares of Common Stock

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1,371,342 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check Box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

3.4%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO



(1) Name of reporting persons

Metaldyne Investment Fund I, L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

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(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

(7) Sole voting power

Number of

shares (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 2,243,827 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
2,243,827 Shares of Common Stock

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2,243,827 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

5.6%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO

(1) Name of reporting persons

HIP Side-by-Side Partners, L.P.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

..

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number of (7) Sole voting power

shares

beneficially (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock

(8) Shared voting power

owned by

each

reporting (9) 232,092 Shares of Common Stock

(9) Sole dispositive power

person

with

(10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
(10) Shared dispositive power

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232,092 Shares of Common Stock

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

232,092 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

0.6%

(14) Type of reporting person

PN

(1) Name of reporting persons

TriMas Investment Fund II, L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

..

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Number of (7) Sole voting power

shares

beneficially 0 Shares of Common Stock

(8) Shared voting power

owned by

each

reporting 24,759 Shares of Common Stock

(9) Sole dispositive power

person

with

0 Shares of Common Stock  
(10) Shared dispositive power

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24,759 Shares of Common Stock

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

24,759 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

..

(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

0.1%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO

(1) Name of reporting persons

Metaldyne Investment Fund II, L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Item 2(d) or 2(e)

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(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

(7) Sole voting power

Number of

shares (8) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 32,952 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
32,952 Shares of Common Stock

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32,952 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

0.1%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO



(1) Name of reporting persons

HIP Side-by-Side I-A, L.L.C.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds

WC

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Delaware

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Number of

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Shared voting power

beneficially

owned by (9) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
each Sole dispositive power

reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
0 Shares of Common Stock

0 Shares of Common Stock

(12) Check box if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

0.0%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO

(1) Name of reporting persons

HIP Investment Holdings I, LLC

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group

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(4) Source of funds

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reporting

person (10) 0 Shares of Common Stock  
Shared dispositive power

with

(11) Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person  
0 Shares of Common Stock

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(13) Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11)

0.0%

(14) Type of reporting person

OO

Amendment No. 8 to Statement on Schedule 13D

This Amendment (the Amendment ) No. 8 to Statement on Schedule 13D (as heretofore amended, the Statement ) relates to the beneficial ownership of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock ), of TriMas Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Issuer ). This Amendment is being filed on behalf of the Reporting Persons (as defined below).

The Reporting Persons are filing this Amendment to amend the statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the Common Stock filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2009 pursuant to Rule 13d-1(d).

This Amendment is being filed by the Reporting Persons to update the disclosure in Items 4 and 5 in connection with the sale of shares of Common Stock.

**Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction**

A description of transactions taken with respect to the Common Stock is included below in Item 5(c). The purpose of these transactions was to provide liquidity to Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C. s ( Heartland ) funds. The transactions are not an indication of Heartland s view of the business prospects of the Issuer.

Currently the Reporting Persons have no specific plan or proposal to acquire or dispose of Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer. However, consistent with their investment purpose, the Reporting Persons, at any time and from time to time, may acquire additional Common Stock or dispose of any or all of their Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer depending upon an ongoing evaluation of the investment in the Common Stock, prevailing market conditions, other investment opportunities, liquidity requirements of the Reporting Persons, and/or other investment considerations.

Also, consistent with the investment purpose, the Reporting Persons may engage in communications with one or more stockholders of the Issuer, one or more officers or employees of the Issuer, one or more members of the board of directors of the Issuer and/or one or more representatives of the Issuer regarding the Issuer, including but not limited to its operations, business, results, plans, prospects, ownership structure and management. The Reporting Persons may discuss ideas that, if effected, may result in acquisitions by persons of additional securities of the Issuer, an extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer, changes in the Issuer s capitalization and/or changes in the board of directors or management of the Issuer.

Except as set forth in this Statement, the Reporting Persons have no plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of the instructions to Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto.

**Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

(a) Please see Item 13 of each cover sheet for each Reporting Person. The approximate percentages of shares of Common Stock reported as beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are based on there being 39,282,647 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of July 30, 2012, plus 740,292 shares of Common Stock deemed to be outstanding with respect to individual stockholders pursuant to Rule 13d-3(d)(1) under the Exchange Act, as reported to the Reporting Persons by the Issuer.

As of the date hereof:

3,904,972 shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by Heartland;

3,615,169 shares of Common Stock are beneficially owned by Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P. ( HIP );

1,371,342 shares of Common Stock are owned directly by TriMas Investment Fund I, L.L.C. ( TIF I );

2,243,827 shares of Common Stock are owned directly by Metaldyne Investment Fund I, L.L.C. ( MIF I );

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232,092 shares of Common Stock are owned directly by HIP Side-by-Side Partners, L.P. ( HIP Side-by-Side );

24,759 shares of Common Stock are owned directly by TriMas Investment Fund II, L.L.C. ( TIF II );

32,952 shares of Common Stock are owned directly by Metaldyne Investment Fund II, L.L.C. ( MIF II );

no shares of Common Stock are owned directly by HIP Side-by-Side I-A, L.L.C. ( HIP Side-by-Side I-A ); and

no shares of Common Stock are owned directly by HIP Investment Holdings I, LLC, ( Holdings and TIF I, MIF I, HIP Side-by-Side, TIF II, MIF II, HIP Side-by-Side I-A, and Holdings, collectively, the Direct Holders ).

HIP, as the managing member of TIF I and MIF I, is an indirect beneficial owner of shares held by TIF I and MIF I. Heartland, as the managing member of TIF II, MIF II and HIP Side-by-Side I-A, and the general partner of HIP and HIP Side-by-Side, is an indirect beneficial owner of the shares held by the Direct Holders. HIP, as the sole member of Holdings, is an indirect beneficial owner of shares held by Holdings.

(b) Please see Items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 13 of each cover sheet for each Reporting Person. Neither the present filing nor anything contained in this item 5 shall be construed as an admission that any combination of Reporting Persons constitutes a group for any purpose, and each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities held by each other Reporting Person.

(c) On August 17, 2012, Heartland sold 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$20.75 per share, for net proceeds of approximately \$31,125,000. Heartland held the shares of Common Stock through TIF I.

On August 21, 2012, HIP Side-by-Side transferred 82,693 shares of Common Stock to TIF I, and TIF II transferred 20,513 shares of Common Stock to TIF I. These transfers were accomplished pursuant to that certain Share Transfer Agreement, dated August 21, 2012, by and between TIF I, HIP Side-by-Side and TIF II.

(d) Except as set forth in this Item 5, no person other than each respective record owner referred to herein of securities is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

(e) Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: August 21, 2012

HEARTLAND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES L.L.C.

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell

Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

HEARTLAND INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell

Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

TRIMAS INVESTMENT FUND I, L.L.C.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., the General Partner of Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P., its Managing Member

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell

Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

METALDYNE INVESTMENT FUND I, L.L.C.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., the General Partner of Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P., its Managing Member

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell

Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

HIP SIDE-BY-SIDE PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., its General Partner

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell

Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

TRIMAS INVESTMENT FUND II, L.L.C.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., its Managing Member



By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell  
Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member

METALDYNE INVESTMENT FUND II, L.L.C.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., its Managing Member

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell  
Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member  
HIP SIDE-BY-SIDE I-A, L.L.C.

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., its Managing Member

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell  
Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member  
HIP INVESTMENT HOLDINGS I, LLC

By: Heartland Industrial Associates L.L.C., the General Partner of Heartland Industrial Partners, L.P., its Member

By: /s/ Daniel P. Tredwell  
Name: Daniel P. Tredwell  
Title: Managing Member