

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2004

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2004**

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**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

121 Gamma Drive

**1-15579**  
(Commission File Number)

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

15238

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**RIDC Industrial Park**

**O Hara Township**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (412) 967-3000**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Introductory Note**

The Company is filing this Form 8-K Current Report to incorporate by reference the financial statements referred to below so that they may in turn be incorporated by reference in a Form S-8 Registration Statement to be filed relating to the Company's Retirement Savings Plan.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith:

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23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
99.1	The following financial statements are incorporated herein by reference to pages F-1 through F-24 of the Company's definitive Prospectus contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 No. 333-114533:  Report of independent registered public accounting firm  Consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001  Consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002  Consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001  Consolidated statement of changes in retained earnings and accumulated and other comprehensive income  Notes to consolidated financial statements

**SIGNATURES**

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 thereunto duly authorized.

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY  
(Registrant)

By                                   /s/ Dennis L. Zeitler                                  

Dennis L. Zeitler  
Vice President - Finance

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