

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2007

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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): March 15, 2007

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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

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

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

**121 Gamma Drive**

**RIDC Industrial Park**

**O Hara Township**

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**15238**  
(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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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 15, 2007, the Company announced the election by the Board of Directors of William M. Lambert as President and Chief Operating Officer. The Company's press release announcing the election is filed as an exhibit to this Report.

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

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 15, 2007, announcing the election of William M. Lambert as President and Chief Operating Officer.

**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/ Douglas K. McClaine*  
Douglas K. McClaine  
Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Date: March 15, 2007