

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO
Form 8-K
January 20, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2005

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 19, 2005, the Company issued a press release clarifying the purpose of the previously-announced sale of shares to the Company by the estate of Mary Irene Ryan. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated January 19, 2005. |

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