

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 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): December 11, 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 Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On December 11, 2007, the Board of Directors elected William M. Lambert as a director of the Company. It is expected that, as a director who is also an employee of the Company, Mr. Lambert will not serve on any of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee or the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, nor will he be paid any compensation solely for his service on the Board of Directors.

For further information, see the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**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 December 13, 2007, issued by Mine Safety Appliances Company.

**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: December 13, 2007