

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

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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): January 19, 2005**

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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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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
  - .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act
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  - .. 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>
99.1	Press Release dated January 19, 2005.

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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

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Douglas K. McClaine  
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 20, 2005

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