

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2011

**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): October 14, 2011

**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or other jurisdiction of

1-15579  
(Commission

25-0668780  
(IRS Employer

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incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification Number)

**1000 Cranberry Woods Drive**

**Cranberry Township, PA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**16066**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 724-776-8600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 14, 2011, Mine Safety Appliances Company ( MSA ) completed the sale of its Paraclete® ballistic vest business to Protective Products Enterprises, Inc. of Sunrise, Florida. The transaction did not include MSA's ballistic helmets business. Terms of the deal are not being disclosed. A proposed transaction was previously reported in a Form 8-K filed on August 31, 2011.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

**Exhibit**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated October 14, 2011

SIGNATURE

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: October 17, 2011