MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO Form 8-K February 17, 2012

# 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): February 15, 2012

## MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction
(Commission
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)
File Number)

Identification Number)

Cranberry Woods Drive

Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices)
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:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 15, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Mine Safety Appliances Company Press Release dated February 15, 2012, announcing financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY (Registrant)

By /s/ Dennis L. Zeitler Dennis L. Zeitler Senior Vice President - Finance

Date: February 17, 2012

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

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