

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)

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**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-15579**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**1000 Cranberry Woods Drive**

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

**16066-5207**  
(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. 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

Exhibit

No.	Description
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