
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): April 24, 2003

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-15579
(Commission
File Number)

25-0668780
(IRS Employer
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

Item 5. Other Events.

On April 24, 2003, Goodman Equipment Corporation executed a Trust Agreement and Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors. At the time of the assignment, Goodman Equipment Company owed the Company and its subsidiaries approximately \$138,000 for commissions earned for acting as sales agents for Goodman Equipment Corporation with respect to sales of certain mining locomotives and spare parts.

Calvin A. Campbell, Jr., a director of the Company, is a majority owner, a director and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goodman Equipment Corporation. Mr. Campbell is a nominee of the Company's Board of Directors for reelection as a director for a three-year term at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 8, 2003.

