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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): May 11, 2011**



**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

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

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer  
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**

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## Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The 2011 annual meeting of Mine Safety Appliances Company shareholders was held on May 11, 2011. The following matters were acted upon:

### 1. Election of Directors

Diane M. Pearse, L. Edward Shaw, Jr. and William M. Lambert were elected to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2014, by the following votes:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
Diane M. Pearse	30,828,987	1,275,517	4,098,018
L. Edward Shaw, Jr.	31,491,067	613,437	4,098,018
William M. Lambert	31,665,987	438,517	4,098,018

Continuing as directors, with terms expiring in 2012, are Thomas B. Hotopp, John T. Ryan III and Thomas H. Witmer. Continuing as directors, with terms expiring in 2013, are Robert A. Bruggeworth, James A. Cederna and John C. Unkovic.

### 2. Approval of the Adoption of the Company's Amended and Restated 2008 Management Equity Incentive Plan

An amendment and restatement of the Company's 2008 Management Equity Incentive Plan was approved by the following votes:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
27,812,012	3,669,684	622,808	4,098,018

### 3. Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP was selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2011, by the following votes:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
35,987,616	203,874	11,032

### 4. Advisory (non-binding) Vote on the Executive Compensation of Named Executive Officers

The executive compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved on an advisory (non-binding) basis, by the following votes:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
30,867,811	594,000	642,693	4,098,018

**5. Advisory (non-binding) Vote on the Frequency of the Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation of Named Executive Officers**

An annual frequency for the shareholder vote on executive compensation of the Company's named executive officers was approved on an advisory (non-binding) basis, by the following votes:

<u>One Year</u>	<u>Two Years</u>	<u>Three Years</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
26,432,802	1,631,229	3,255,048	785,425	4,098,018

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: May 12, 2011