
**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): April 14, 2011



MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices)

16066
(Zip Code)

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On April 14, 2011, the Company announced the retirement of Rob Cañizares, Executive Vice President and President, MSA International, effective October 31, 2011.

In connection with the planned retirement of Mr. Cañizares, the Company announced the following appointments effective November 1, 2011:

Ronald N. Herring Jr. will serve as a President, MSA International, with business leadership responsibilities for Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, India and Russia.

Kerry M. Bove will also serve as a President, MSA International, with business responsibilities for Australia, China, Japan, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa.

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, Secretary
and General Counsel

Date: April 14, 2011