
**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): December 13, 2004

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

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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Introductory Note

The Company is filing this Form 8-K Current Report to incorporate by reference the financial statements referred to below so that they may in turn be incorporated by reference in a Form S-8 Registration Statement to be filed relating to the Company's Retirement Savings Plan.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed or furnished herewith:

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23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
99.1	The following financial statements are incorporated herein by reference to pages F-1 through F-24 of the Company's definitive Prospectus contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 No. 333-114533: Report of independent registered public accounting firm Consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 Consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 Consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 Consolidated statement of changes in retained earnings and accumulated and other comprehensive income Notes to consolidated financial statements

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Forms S-8 (No. 33-22284, 33-43696 and 333-51983) of Mine Safety Appliances Company of our report dated February 20, 2004 relating to the financial statements, which appears in Amendment No. 4 to the Company's Form S-3 Registration Statement (No. 333-114533), which is incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K Current Report dated December 13, 2004.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
December 13, 2004