

**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): November 2, 2005**

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**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 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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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (See General Instruction A.2):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 2, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase by the Company from time to time of up to \$100 million in shares of the Company's Common Stock. A copy of the Company's press release announcing the new share repurchase program is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1. The new authorization replaces the share repurchase program approved October 26, 2004.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibit is filed herewith:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated November 3, 2005, announcing the share repurchase program described in Item 8.01.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

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Douglas K. McClaine  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: November 7, 2005



**FROM:** MSA (Mine Safety Appliances Company)  
Ticker: MSA (NYSE)  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MSA Board Authorizes \$100 Million in Share Repurchases**

PITTSBURGH, November 3, 2005 – MSA (NYSE: MSA) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized the company to repurchase up to \$100 million in shares of MSA common stock from time to time in private transactions and on the New York Stock Exchange. The repurchase program will be conducted over a multi-year period.

“This decision is based on the Board’s broad review of MSA’s corporate strategy, capital structure, future earnings expectations and capital requirements,” said Dennis Zeitler, MSA vice president and Chief Financial Officer. “We consider this repurchase program to be an important factor in our ongoing efforts to enhance value for our shareholders.”

Mr. Zeitler added that the timing and amount of the company’s purchases will depend on price and availability of shares.

**About MSA**

*Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of sophisticated safety products that protect people’s health and safety. Sophisticated safety products typically integrate any combination of electronics, mechanical systems and advanced materials to protect users against hazardous or life-threatening situations. The company’s comprehensive line of products is used by workers around the world in the fire service, homeland security, construction and other industries, as well as the military. Principal products include self-contained breathing apparatus, gas masks, gas detection instruments, head protection, respirators and thermal imaging cameras. The company also provides a broad range of consumer and contractor safety products through retail channels. These products are marketed and sold under the MSA Safety Works brand. MSA has annual sales of more than \$850 million, manufacturing operations throughout the United States and Europe, and more than 30 international locations. Additional information is available on the company’s Web site at [www.msanet.com](http://www.msanet.com).*

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