MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO Form 8-K December 13, 2004

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

1-15579 (Commission File Number) 25-0668780 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

121 Gamma Drive 15238

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RIDC Industrial Park

O Hara Township

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (412) 967-3000

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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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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/ Dennis L. Zeitler

Dennis L. Zeitler Vice President - Finance

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