

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2007

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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 10, 2007

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**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**

**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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**Item 5.03. Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On May 10, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amendments to the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The amendments add a new Section V to Article 5<sup>th</sup> of the Restated Articles and amend Sections 4.01 through 4.04 of Article IV of the By-Laws to provide for the issuance of uncertificated shares.

Although the Company has no immediate plans to issue uncertificated shares, the amendments were adopted to comply with the requirements effective January 1, 2008 of amended Section 501.00(B) of the New York Stock Exchange Listed Company Manual. The amendments to the By-Laws were effective upon approval by the Board. The amendment to Restated Articles, which does not require shareholder approval, will be effective upon filing with the Pennsylvania Department of State, which is expected to occur during the week of May 14, 2007. Copies of the Company's Restated Articles and By-Laws as amended are filed herewith as Exhibits.

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

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

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation of Mine Safety Appliances Company, as amended.
3.2	By-Laws of Mine Safety Appliances Company, as amended May 10, 2007.

**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  
              Douglas K. McClaine  
              Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary

Date: May 15, 2007