

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2011

**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): August 31, 2011

**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania  
(State or other jurisdiction of

1-15579  
(Commission

25-0668780  
(IRS Employer

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incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification Number)

**1000 Cranberry Woods Drive**

**Cranberry Township, PA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

**16066**  
(Zip Code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 25, 2011, Mine Safety Appliances Company ( MSA ) entered into a nonbinding letter of intent with a potential purchaser to sell MSA's Paraclete® ballistic vest business. The transaction does not include the company's ballistic helmets business. Terms of the proposed deal are not being disclosed. The transaction is expected to close within 30 to 60 days.

*[Reminder of page intentionally blank]*

**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 APPLIANCE COMPANY

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Douglas K. McClaine  
Douglas K. McClaine  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: August 31, 2011