

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2005

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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): December 30, 2004**

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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)

121 Gamma Drive

**1-15579**  
(Commission File Number)

**25-0668780**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 30, 2004, the Company entered into an agreement with the Estate of Mary Irene Ryan and the Trustees of the Marital Trust for the benefit of Mary Irene Ryan to purchase an aggregate of 1,042,000 shares of the Company's common stock at a price of \$46.36 per share. Mary Irene Ryan was the mother of John T. Ryan III, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. John T. Ryan III and his sister, Irene Ryan Shaw, the wife of Company director L. Edward Shaw, Jr., are the executors of the Estate. The Trustees of the Marital Trust are Mr. Ryan and John C. Unkovic, a director of the Company. The purchase price was determined by a committee of disinterested directors based on an analysis done by investment bankers retained by the Company. Of the shares to be purchased by the Company, 185,000 shares will be sold by the Estate and 857,000 shares will be sold by the Marital Trust. Closing of the sale is expected to occur on or about Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 3, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing the share repurchase described in Item 1.01. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

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

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

**Exhibit**

**Number      Description**

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99.1      Press Release dated January 3, 2005, announcing the share repurchase described in Item 1.01.

**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  
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 4, 2005

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
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