

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO

Form 8-K

December 11, 2003

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 10, 2003

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

Item 5. Other Events

On December 10, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing a 3-for-1 stock split of MSA's common stock. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 7. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Mine Safety Appliances Company Press Release dated December 10, 2003, announcing a 3-for-1 stock split of MSA's Common Stock

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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