

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 13, 2002

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

0-2504

25-0668780

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

121 Gamma Drive
RIDC Industrial Park
O'Hara Township
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

15238

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

PART II OTHER INFORMATION
MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

All exhibits are furnished pursuant to Item 9.

Exhibit Number

- 99.1 Certification of J. T. Ryan III pursuant to 18 U.S.C.(S)1350
- 99.2 Certification of D. L. Zeitler pursuant to 18 U.S.C.(S)1350

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On August 13, 2002, Mine Safety Appliances Company filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 accompanied by the certifications of John T. Ryan III, Chief Executive Officer, and Dennis L. Zeitler, Chief Financial Officer, required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. (S) 1350. Conformed copies of such certifications are attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2

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

Date: August 13, 2002

By /s/ Dennis L. Zeitler
Dennis L. Zeitler
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Description	Method of Filing
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99.2	Certification of Dennis L. Zeitler pursuant to 18 U.S.C.(S)1350	Furnished herewith

Certification

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. (S) 1350, the undersigned officer of Mine Safety Appliances Company (the "Company"), hereby certifies that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 13, 2002

/s/ John T. Ryan III

Name: John T. Ryan III
Title: Chief Executive Officer

Certification

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. (S) 1350, the undersigned officer of Mine Safety Appliances Company (the "Company"), hereby certifies that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2002 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: August 13, 2002

/s/ Dennis L. Zeitler

Name: Dennis L. Zeitler
Title: Chief Financial Officer