

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Plut Stephen C</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO [ MSA ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <u>Vice President</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>121 GAMMA DRIVE</u> <u>RIDC INDUSTRIAL PARK</u>			
(Street) <u>PITTSBURGH</u> <u>15238</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>21,283</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>02/23/2008</u>	<u>02/23/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>2,189</u>	<u>45.68</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Incentive Stock Option</u>	<u>03/09/2005</u>	<u>03/09/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>3,989</u>	<u>25.065</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-statutory Stock Option</u>	<u>02/23/2008</u>	<u>02/23/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>4,263</u>	<u>45.68</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Non-statutory Stock Option</u>	<u>03/09/2005</u>	<u>03/09/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock, no par value</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>25.065</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Douglas K. McClaine,  
Attorney in Fact, Power of 05/17/2005  
Attorney

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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