
**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): May 8, 2012



MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-15579
(Commission
File Number)

25-0668780
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

1000 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA
(Address of principal executive offices)

16066
(Zip Code)

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

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Item 5.07 SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

The annual meeting of shareholders of Mine Safety Appliances Company was held on May 8, 2012. The following matters were acted upon:

1. Election of Directors

Thomas B. Hotopp, John T. Ryan III and Thomas H. Witmer were elected to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2015, by the following votes:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Withheld</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
Thomas B. Hotopp	28,867,927	3,321,788	3,275,264
John T. Ryan III	31,185,277	1,004,438	3,275,264
Thomas H. Witmer	31,932,797	256,918	3,275,264

Continuing as directors, with terms expiring in 2013, are Robert A. Bruggeworth, James A. Cederna and John C. Unkovic. Continuing as directors, with terms expiring in 2014, are William M. Lambert, Diane M. Pearce and L. Edward Shaw, Jr.

2. Approval of the Adoption of the Company's amended and restated CEO Annual Incentive Plan

An amendment and restatement of the Company's CEO Annual Incentive Plan was approved by the following votes:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
31,007,733	574,868	607,114	3,275,264

3. Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP was selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2012, by the following votes:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
35,384,919	61,960	18,100

4. Advisory (non-binding) Vote on Executive Compensation

The results of the advisory (non-binding) vote on the executive compensation of the Company's named executive officers were as follows:

<u>Votes For</u>	<u>Votes Against</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>	<u>Broker Non-Votes</u>
31,177,882	376,245	635,588	3,275,264

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 APPLIANCES COMPANY
(Registrant)

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

Date: May 9, 2012