
**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): December 16, 2013



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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Principal Officers

- (b) On December 16, 2013, Dennis L. Zeitler notified the Company of his retirement from his position of Senior Vice President and Special Advisor to the CEO, effective January 1, 2014.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Mine Safety Appliances Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

By: /s/ Douglas K. McClaine

Douglas K. McClaine

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: December 20, 2013