

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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