

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2012

**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): March 23, 2012

**MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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<b>Pennsylvania</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	<b>1-15579</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>25-0668780</b> (IRS Employer Identification Number)
<b>1000 Cranberry Woods Drive</b>		
<b>Cranberry Township, PA</b> (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>16066</b> (Zip Code)
<b>Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 724-776-8600</b>		

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 23, 2012, Mine Safety Appliances Company ( MSA ) announced that it entered into a nonbinding letter of intent with a potential purchaser to sell MSA 's North America ballistic helmet business. Terms of the proposed deal are not being disclosed. The transaction is expected to close within approximately 45 days. A copy of the March 23, 2012 press release announcing the proposed transaction is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated March 23, 2012

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: March 23, 2012