MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO Form 8-K December 14, 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): December 11, 2012

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer)

incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification Number)

Cranberry Woods Drive

Cranberry Township, PA
(Address of principal executive offices)
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:

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Election of Director

On December 11, 2012 the Board of Directors of Mine Safety Appliances Company elected Alvaro Garcia-Tunon to the Company s Board of Directors. The Company s press release announcing the election is filed as an exhibit to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 14, 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: December 14, 2012