MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES CO Form 8-K May 01, 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): April 24, 2003

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 1-15579 25-0668780

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

121 Gamma Drive 15238

RIDC Industrial Park (Zip Code)

O Hara Township

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (412) 967-3000

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Item 5. Other Events.

On April 24, 2003, Goodman Equipment Corporation executed a Trust Agreement and Assignment for the Benefit of Creditors. At the time of the assignment, Goodman Equipment Company owed the Company and its subsidiaries approximately \$138,000 for commissions earned for acting as sales agents for Goodman Equipment Corporation with respect to sales of certain mining locomotives and spare parts.

Calvin A. Campbell, Jr., a director of the Company, is a majority owner, a director and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Goodman Equipment Corporation. Mr. Campbell is a nominee of the Company s Board of Directors for reelection as a director for a three-year term at the Company s Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 8, 2003.

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.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Mine Safety Appliances Company} \\ \text{(Registrant)} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ccc} By & & /s/ & Dennis \ L. \\ & & Zeitler \end{array}$

Dennis L. Zeitler Vice President Finance

Date: May 1, 2003