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Form 8-K

July 21, 2003

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): July 21, 2003 (July 18, 2003)

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania	1-15579	25-0668780
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
121 Gamma Drive RIDC Industrial Park O'Hara Township Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania		15238
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)

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

Item 5. Other Events.

On July 21, 2003, Mine Safety Appliances Company issued a press release announcing that it has signed an Asset Purchase Agreement with BASF Corporation. A copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement is attached as Exhibit 2.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the press release with respect to the Asset Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement by and between Mine Safety Appliances Company and BASF Corporation,

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dated as of July 18, 2003

99.1

Press Release, dated July 21, 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.

MINE SAFETY APPLIANCES COMPANY

Date: July 21, 2003

By: /s/ DENNIS L. ZEITLER

Name: Dennis L. Zeitler
Title: Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer
and Treasurer

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