

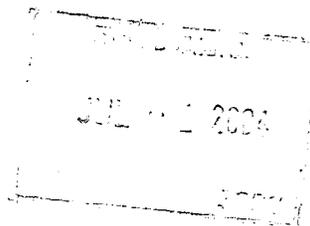


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Mr. Brian Johnson
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
Branch of Filer Support 2
Room 1004 -- STOP/1-4
450 Fifth Street, NW
Judiciary Plaza
Washington, DC 20549



Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mine Safety Appliances Company, Common Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on July 1, 2004. Tentative listing date - July 12, 2004.

Sincerely,

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