

OLYMPIC STEEL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 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 16, 2012

**Olympic Steel, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-23320**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**34-1245650**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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5096 Richmond Road

Bedford Heights, Ohio 44146

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 292-3800

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

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On March 16, 2012, Olympic Steel, Inc. ( Olympic or the Company ) and certain of its wholly-owned domestic direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively with the Company, the Borrowers ) entered into Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement (the Amendment ), which amends that certain Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2011 (the Loan and Security Agreement ), with the lenders party thereto (the Lenders ), and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent for the Lenders (the Agent ).

The Amendment provides for, among other things: (i) a reduction in the applicable margin for loans under the Loan and Security Agreement; (ii) additional revolving commitments to the Borrowers in an aggregate principal amount of \$50 million, which additional revolving commitments do not impact the Borrowers incremental facilities; and (iii) permits certain transactions among the Borrowers and Metales de Olympic, S. de R.L. de C.V., an indirect subsidiary of the Company.

The Lenders, the Agent and the other agents party to the Loan and Security Agreement (and each of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates) have in the past provided, and may in the future provide, investment banking, cash management, underwriting, lending, commercial banking, trust, leasing services, foreign exchange and other advisory services to, or engage in transactions with, the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. These parties have received, and may in the future receive, customary compensation from the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates for such services.

The Amendment is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.23 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information under Item 1.01 in this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	Description
4.23	Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of March 16, 2012, by and among Olympic Steel, Inc., Olympic Steel Lafayette, Inc., Olympic Steel Minneapolis, Inc., Olympic Steel Iowa, Inc., Oly Steel Welding, Inc., Oly Steel NC, Inc., Tinsley Group-PS&W, Inc., IS Acquisition, Inc., Chicago Tube and Iron Company, the Lenders party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent for the Lenders.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.**

By: /s/ Richard T. Marabito  
Richard T. Marabito  
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Date: March 21, 2012

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