

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC

Form 8-K

May 29, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): **May 29, 2009**  
**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS, INC**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14303

36-3161171

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Dauch Drive, Detroit, Michigan

48211-1198

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(313) 758-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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**Item 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On May 22, 2009, American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc., (the Company or AAM) received notice under Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) of a blackout period that will begin on June 22, 2009 with regard to the American Axle Stock Fund (AAM Stock Fund), an investment option in the American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Salaried Savings Plan and the American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Personal Savings Plan for Hourly-Rate Associates (collectively, the Plans). The blackout period, which will begin on June 22, 2009 and is expected to end during the week of June 29, 2009, is occurring so that the Plans can sell all of the AAM common stock held in the AAM Stock Fund. Once the blackout period has ended, all AAM Stock will have been sold and the AAM Stock Fund will be discontinued and removed as an investment option in the Plans.

On May 29, 2009, AAM sent a notice to its directors and executive officers informing them of the trading restrictions in the AAM Stock Fund and of the blackout period. During the blackout period, AAM's directors and executive officers will be prohibited from directly acquiring, disposing of or transferring any equity securities of AAM acquired by them in connection with their service and/or employment with AAM in such capacities. The notice was sent to ensure compliance with Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. A copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference.

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**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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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.

**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS, INC.**

Date: May 29, 2009

By: /s/ Patrick S. Lancaster  
Patrick S. Lancaster  
Executive Vice President, Chief  
Administrative Officer & Secretary

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