

AMETEK INC/  
Form 8-K  
September 21, 2010

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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):

September 17, 2010

AMETEK, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-12981

14-1682544

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

37 North Valley Road, Paoli, Pennsylvania

19301

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

610-647-2121

Not Applicable

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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On September 17, 2010, AMETEK, Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Note Purchase Agreement pursuant to which the Company issued and sold 80,000,000 aggregate principal amount 4.68% Series H Senior Notes due September 17, 2020 in a private placement with an institutional investor. The proceeds from the Notes will be used for repayment of existing indebtedness and general corporate purposes.

The Notes are subject to certain customary covenants, including limitations on the Company and its subsidiaries ability, with significant exceptions, to engage in mergers, consolidations, asset sales, and transactions with affiliates, or to incur priority debt or liens. The Note Purchase Agreement also contains financial covenants that, among other things, require the Company to maintain a debt to EBITDA ratio of not more than 3.5 to 1.0 and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 2.5 to 1.0 for any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters. Upon the occurrence of certain events of default, all of the Notes will be immediately due and payable, and upon the occurrence of certain other events of default all of the Notes may be declared immediately due and payable. The Company may redeem the Notes upon the satisfaction of certain conditions and the payment of a make-whole amount to noteholder, and is required to offer to repurchase the Notes at par following certain events, including a change of control.

Interest on the Notes is payable semiannually on September 17 and March 17 commencing with March 17, 2011. Interest on the above mentioned Notes will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

The foregoing summary of the Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Note Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

A copy of the news release issued by the Company on September 20, 2010 announcing entry into the Note Purchase Agreement is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 AMETEK, Inc. Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 17, 2010.

99.1 Copy of press release issued by AMETEK, Inc. on September 20, 2010.

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**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.

AMETEK, Inc.

*September 21, 2010*

*By: /s/ Robert R. Mandos, Jr.*

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*Name: Robert R. Mandos, Jr.*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller*

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