AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC Form 8-K March 04, 2005

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 1, 2005

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) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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)

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Section 1 Business and Operations

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On March 1, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. (AAM) determined the base salary of AAM s Co-Founder, Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Richard E. Dauch, pursuant to the terms of Mr. Dauch s employment agreement dated November 6, 1997, as amended. Mr. Dauch s annual base salary is \$1,265,000 effective March 1, 2005.

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SIGNATURE

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.

By: /s/ Patrick S. Lancaster Name: Patrick S. Lancaster

Title: Vice President, Chief Administrative

Officer & Secretary

Date: March 4, 2005