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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):

December 18, 2012

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.)

1100 Cassatt Road, Berwyn, Pennsylvania

19312

(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 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 18, 2012, AMETEK, Inc. issued a press release to announce the election of David A. Zapico as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1, 2013. A copy of such press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. The information contained in said press release is hereby incorporated by reference in this Form 8-K.

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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.

December 19, 2012

By: */s/ William J. Burke*

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*Name: William J. Burke*

*Title: Senior Vice President - Comptroller & Treasurer*

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Copy of press release issued by AMETEK, Inc. on December 18, 2012.



CORPORATE OFFICE

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## **DAVID A. ZAPICO NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Berwyn, PA, December 18, 2012 — AMETEK, Inc. (NYSE: AME) today announced the election of David A. Zapico as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, effective January 1, 2013.

“I am very pleased to announce Dave Zapico’s appointment to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Dave has played an instrumental role in the success of AMETEK and is well qualified to take on this new role,” noted Frank S. Hermance, AMETEK Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

“Dave has a demonstrated track-record of delivering exceptional results during his 23 years with AMETEK, most recently as President, Electronic Instrument Group. In this role, Dave has led the strategic growth and operational excellence initiatives that have significantly increased the size, profitability and global capabilities of our Process businesses,” commented Mr. Hermance.

“Dave has proven himself as a strong, respected leader and invaluable member of the AMETEK management team. His vast operations and engineering expertise paired with his deep strategic understanding of our business makes him an excellent choice for this position,” continued Mr. Hermance.

“AMETEK has grown significantly and is well positioned for continued strong growth. As a result, putting a Chief Operating Officer in place now will ensure we realize our full growth potential. I look forward to working closely with Dave in future years as we continue to execute on our growth strategies and deliver value to our shareholders,” concluded Mr. Hermance.

Mr. Zapico has held a variety of engineering and general management positions since joining AMETEK’s Process & Analytical Instruments Division in 1990 as a Product Engineer. He was promoted to Division Vice President of the Process Instruments Business Unit for the Process & Analytical Instruments Division in 1996. In 1999, Mr. Zapico was named Vice President and General Manager of AMETEK’s Aerospace and Power Instruments Division. In 2003, he was named President, Electronic Instruments.

Mr. Zapico holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

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### **Corporate Profile**

AMETEK is a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electro-mechanical devices with annualized sales of \$3.4 billion. AMETEK’s Corporate Growth Plan is based on Four Key Strategies: Operational Excellence, Strategic Acquisitions & Alliances, Global & Market Expansion and New Products. AMETEK’s objective is double-digit percentage growth in earnings per share over the business cycle and a superior return on total capital. The common stock of AMETEK is a component of the S&P MidCap 400 and the Russell 1000 Indices.

### **Forward-looking Information**

Statements in this news release relating to future events, such as AMETEK’s expected business and financial performance are “forward-looking statements.” Forward-looking statements are subject to various factors and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ significantly from expectations. These factors and uncertainties include AMETEK’s ability to consummate and successfully integrate future acquisitions; risks associated with international sales and operations; AMETEK’s ability to successfully develop new products, open new facilities or transfer product lines; the price and availability of raw materials; compliance with government regulations, including environmental regulations; changes in the competitive environment or the effects of competition in our markets; the ability to maintain adequate liquidity and financing sources; and general economic conditions affecting the industries we serve. A detailed discussion of these and other factors that may affect our future results is contained in AMETEK’s filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent reports on Form 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. AMETEK disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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