
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):

January 20, 2009

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 8.01 Other Events.

On January 20, 2009, AMETEK, Inc. issued a press release to announce it has acquired High Standard Aviation. 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.

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.

January 20, 2009

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

Name: Robert R. Mandos, Jr.

Title: Senior Vice President and Comptroller

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Copy of press release issued by AMETEK, Inc. on January 20, 2009.

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AMETEK ACQUIRES HIGH STANDARD AVIATION

Paoli, PA, January 20, 2009—AMETEK, Inc. (NYSE: AME) announced the acquisition of High Standard Aviation, a Miami-based provider of electrical/electromechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic repair services to the aerospace industry. The privately held High Standard Aviation has annual sales of approximately \$31 million.

“High Standard Aviation broadens the global footprint of our aerospace maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business. Coupled with other recent AMETEK MRO acquisitions and expansion activities, we now have a significant and growing presence in this attractive market,” comments Frank S. Hermance, AMETEK Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

“High Standard Aviation strengthens our capabilities in electrical/electromechanical and hydraulic repair and provides us with a valuable presence in Miami, a key MRO hub for the southeastern United States as well as Latin America. It also adds to our position in the air cargo segment of the MRO business broadening our base with a number of key customers,” notes Mr. Hermance.

High Standard Aviation joins AMETEK’s global MRO network as a unit of AMETEK Aerospace & Defense. Along with MRO services, AMETEK Aerospace & Defense is a leading supplier of engine and aircraft sensors and monitoring systems; data acquisition units; fuel and fluid measurement systems; cables and harness assemblies; solid-state power distribution products; avionics blowers and fans; and heat transfer and cooling systems.

Corporate Profile

AMETEK is a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electromechanical devices with annualized sales of \$2.5 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 Index and the Russell 1000 Index.

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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 our ability to consummate and successfully integrate future acquisitions; risks associated with international sales and operations; our 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 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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