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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):

January 29, 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 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 29, 2009, AMETEK announced that its Board of Directors approved a \$75 million increase to the authorized level for repurchases of its common stock. This increased authorization will be added to the \$68.5 million that remained available from previous authorizations approved by the Board of Directors in 2008. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibit

99.1 Copy of press release issued by AMETEK, Inc. on January 29, 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.

January 29, 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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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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## **AMETEK INCREASES SHARE REPURCHASE AUTHORIZATION**

Paoli, PA, January 29, 2010 — AMETEK, Inc. (NYSE: AME) today announced that its Board of Directors has increased the authorized level for repurchases of its common stock by \$75 million. This increased authorization will be added to the approximately \$68 million that remains available from an existing authorization approved by the Board of Directors in July 2008. Today's action brings the total amount authorized for share repurchases to approximately \$143 million.

Frank S. Hermance, AMETEK's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer said, "With this increased authorization, AMETEK will continue its strategy of making opportunistic purchases of its common stock to offset the dilutive impact of our benefit plans. We will continue to allocate our strong free cash flow towards strategic acquisitions and, in their absence, debt reduction. Stock repurchases will remain a modest use of that free cash flow."

### **Corporate Profile**

AMETEK is a leading global manufacturer of electronic instruments and electro-mechanical devices with annual sales of approximately \$2.1 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 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 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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