

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): November 6, 2008

ACTUANT CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11288
(Commission File Number)

39-0168610
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

13000 West Silver Spring Drive
Butler, Wisconsin 53007

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 352-4160

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 10, 2008, Actuant Corporation (the "Company" or "Actuant,") entered into a Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among the Company, the foreign subsidiary borrowers party thereto, the Lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Syndication Agents, and M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank and U.S. Bank National Association, as Documentation Agents. This Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Second Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facility") amended the Company's outstanding first amended and restated senior credit facility.

The Second Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facility provides for a \$400 million revolving credit facility and a \$115 million term loan. At closing the Company had outstanding \$216 million of revolving loans, of which \$130 million initially bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.5% per annum and \$86 million of which initially bears interest at the floating base rate plus 1.25% per annum. The \$115 million term loan initially bears interest at LIBOR plus 2.5% and will be repaid in quarterly installments starting on March 31, 2009. In connection with entering into the Second Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facility, the Company incurred approximately \$5 million of debt issuance costs, which will be amortized over the three year period of the loans. Both the revolving credit facility and the term loan will mature in November 2011.

The Company used the proceeds of the new term loan and the new revolving loans to repay prior term loans and revolving loans under the Company's outstanding first amended and restated senior credit facility and to pay related transaction expenses.

Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The disclosure set forth under "Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement" is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment and Retirement of Directors.

Gurminder S. Bedi was appointed to the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), effective November 7, 2008. Mr. Bedi is a retired executive from Ford Motor Company ("Ford") where he had served as Vice-President, North America Truck from 1997-2001. He joined Ford in 1971 and held numerous positions of increasing responsibility including President of Ford's Argentina-Brazil Operations. Mr. Bedi currently serves as a director of Compuware Corporation (Nasdaq: CPWR) and KEMET Corporation (NYSE: KEM).

William P. Sovey and Larry D. Yost will be retiring from the Board at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders in January 2009.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Bedi and the retirement of Messrs. Sovey and Yost is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

2009 Annual Cash Incentive Plan.

On November 6, 2008, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board established the following management fiscal 2009 annual cash incentive awards under the Actuant Corporation Executive Officer Bonus Plan:

The fiscal 2009 annual cash incentive awards are based on year-over-year improvement in Combined Management Measure (CMM), and a financial or operational metric (MBO Metric) to be established. The fiscal 2009 annual cash incentive awards for corporate executives (Arzbaecher, Goldstein and Lampereur) will be based on year-over-year improvement in Actuant's Consolidated CMM (90%) and MBO Metric (10%). The fiscal 2009 annual cash incentive plan for segment leaders (Blackmore) will be based on year-over-year improvement in Segment CMM (70%), year-over-year improvement in Actuant's Consolidated CMM (20%) and MBO Metric (10%).

Supporting Definitions:

Consolidated CMM = Net earnings before interest, taxes, minority interest and amortization, less the Carrying Charge.

Carrying Charge = [20% x (debt + shareholders' equity + accumulated amortization of intangible assets – cash – gross intangibles – gross goodwill + deferred tax liabilities)] + [12% x (gross intangibles + gross goodwill – deferred tax liabilities)]

Segment CMM = Operating Profit (before amortization) less an asset carrying charge equal to 20% of Segment Net Assets Employed.

Segment Net Assets Employed = Net accounts receivable + net inventory + prepaid assets + net fixed assets + other long-term assets (excluding intangible assets) – accounts payable – accrued compensation and benefits – accrued current liabilities.

Both Consolidated and Segment CMM are calculated on a constant currency basis.

Annual Cash Incentive Targets:

Actual cash incentive payments can range from 0% to 250% of the target incentive based on actual performance. The following table sets forth the annual cash incentive opportunities for the Named Executive Officers for fiscal 2009:

Name	Functional Area	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Robert C. Arzbaecher	Chief Executive Officer	\$-0-	\$850,000	\$2,125,000
William S. Blackmore	Executive VP – Actuation Systems and Engineered Products	\$-0-	\$220,000	\$550,000

Mark E. Goldstein	Executive VP & COO	\$-0-	\$367,500	\$918,750
Andrew G. Lampereur	Executive VP & CFO	\$-0-	\$246,000	\$615,000

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Actuant Corporation dated November 7, 2008.

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.

ACTUANT CORPORATION

Date: November 13, 2008

/s/ Andrew G. Lampereur

Name: Andrew G. Lampereur

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer



For Immediate Release

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Actuant Appoints Gurminder Bedi as New Director

MILWAUKEE, WI, November 7, 2008 – Actuant Corporation (NYSE: ATU) today announced that Gurminder S. Bedi has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Bedi is a retired executive from Ford Motor Company (“Ford”) where he had served as Vice-President, North America Truck from 1997-2001. He joined Ford in 1971 and held numerous positions of increasing responsibility including President of Ford’s Argentina-Brazil Operations. Mr. Bedi currently serves as a director of Compuware Corporation (Nasdaq: CPWR) and KEMET Corporation (NYSE: KEM).

Commenting on the announcement, Robert Arzbaecher, Actuant’s Chairman and CEO, said, “We are pleased to announce the addition of Gurminder to Actuant’s Board of Directors. His broad experience in manufacturing operations and international business, as well as his automotive and commercial truck market background will be an asset to Actuant. The rest of the Board and I look forward to his contributions and are excited he has agreed to join Actuant in this leadership position.”

Actuant also announced that William Sovey and Larry Yost will be retiring from the Board at the Company’s Annual Meeting of Shareholders in January 2009. Arzbaecher commented “Bill joined the Actuant Board at the spin-off in 2000, while Larry joined in 2004. Actuant has grown and evolved significantly during their tenure and both Bill and Larry have provided invaluable leadership and guidance to help Actuant grow. Speaking on behalf of the entire Board, we are deeply appreciative of their service.”

About Actuant

Actuant, headquartered in Butler, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in highly engineered position and motion control systems and branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies. Since its creation through a spin-off in 2000, Actuant has grown its sales from \$482 million to approximately \$1.7 billion. The Company employs a workforce of more than 7,500 worldwide. Actuant Corporation trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company’s website at www.actuant.com.