

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SIMONTE MICHAEL K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC [AXL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP-Finance & CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2006

ONE DAUCH DRIVE
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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DETROIT, MI 48211-1198
 (City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/15/2006 | | A | | 3,600 | A | \$ 0 | 6,900 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,149 ⁽¹⁾ | I | In 401(k) Plan |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/15/2006 | | A | 2,400 | (3) 03/15/2016 | Common Stock 2,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 15.58 | 03/15/2006 | | A | 10,000 | (5) 03/15/2016 | Common Stock 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SIMONTE MICHAEL K ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211-1198 | | | VP-Finance & CFO | |

Signatures

Patrick S. Lancaster,
Attorney-in-fact

03/15/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Based on most recent account statement.
- (2) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be converted and distributed to the reporting person in cash equal to the then current market value of one share of AAM common stock, subject to tax withholdings.
- (3) The restricted stock units will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date, unless vesting is accelerated at the end of the third or fourth year of the grant. Accelerated vesting will be contingent upon the Company's achievement of pre-determined performance goals, measured by total stockholder return (TSR) as compared to the TSR of the Company's competitor peer group.
- (4) Includes 2,200 restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2005 under the same terms as described in footnotes 1 and 2 above.
- (5) The options vest in three approximately equal annual installments beginning March 15, 2007.

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