

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2009

**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): May 12, 2009**

**American Superconductor Corporation**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**  
  
**of Incorporation)**

**0-19672**  
**(Commission File Number)**

**04-2959321**  
**(IRS Employer**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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64 Jackson Road, Devens, MA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

01434  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 842-3000

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.*****Executive Incentive Plan***

On May 12, 2009, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Committee) of American Superconductor Corporation (the Company), as well as the Board of Directors of the Company, approved an executive incentive plan for the Company's fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 (fiscal 2009). Participants in the plan include the Company's Chief Executive Officer and all other executive officers. The Committee is responsible for determining the payout under the plan to each executive officer except the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors of the Company determines the payout under the plan for the Chief Executive Officer, taking into account the recommendation received from the Committee.

Pursuant to the plan, the Committee designated for each executive officer a target cash incentive amount, expressed as a percentage of the officer's base salary. In establishing these targets, the Committee took into account for each officer the level of total compensation including base salary, cash incentive and equity paid by similar companies for comparable positions based on market data compiled by the Company's outside compensation consultant Pearl Meyer & Company and the Company's Vice President of Human Resources.

The amount of the incentive award actually paid to each executive officer may be less than or greater than the executive's target cash incentive, with the amount capped at 156% of the target incentive. Individual incentive awards will be determined following the end of fiscal 2009 based on the following factors and their corresponding weightings:

the Company's net income (loss) before amortization of acquisition-related intangibles, restructuring and impairments, stock-based compensation expense, other unusual charges and any tax effects related to these items for fiscal 2009 as compared to the target established by the Committee 40%

the executive's achievement of individual, measurable objectives during fiscal 2009 as determined by the Committee for all executives with the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, who is evaluated by the Board of Directors 40%

the executive's overall contribution during fiscal 2009 towards the achievement of the Company's financial and non-financial objectives (subjective performance measure) 20%

The following table sets forth each current executive officer's target cash incentive for fiscal 2009.

<b>Executive Officer</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Target Incentive as % of Base Salary</b>	<b>Target Incentive</b>
Gregory J. Yurek	Chief Executive Officer and President	60%	\$ 360,000
Charles W. Stankiewicz	Executive Vice President and General Manager, AMSC Power Systems	50%	\$ 156,000
David A. Henry	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary	50%	\$ 140,000
Daniel P. McGahn	Senior Vice President and General Manager, AMSC Superconductors	50%	\$ 130,000
Angelo R. Santamaria	Senior Vice President, Global Manufacturing Operations	50%	\$ 114,000
Timothy D. Poor	Senior Vice President, Global Sales and Business Development	50%	\$ 110,000

SIGNATURE

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.

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORPORATION

Date: May 15, 2009

By: /s/ David A. Henry  
David A. Henry

*Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*