

AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
February 08, 2010

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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):

February 4, 2010

American Superconductor Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-19672

04-2959321

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

64 Jackson Road, Devens, Massachusetts

01434

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(978) 842-3000

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.**

From 2004-2008, the Compensation Committee (or the Board of Directors in the case of the Chief Executive Officer) of American Superconductor Corporation (the "Company") approved grants of performance-based restricted shares for Executive Officers that would vest upon the Company's achievement of four consecutive quarters of GAAP profitability. This milestone was achieved for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. As a result, on February 4, 2010, these restricted shares vested. Certain Executive Officers of the Company sold a portion of these shares pursuant to pre-established Rule 10b5-1 trading plans. The primary purpose of such sales was to pay personal income taxes that were due upon vesting of the shares. These sales were made on February 4, 5 and 8, 2010 as disclosed in Form 4 filings on February 8, 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.

*February 8, 2010*

American Superconductor Corporation

By: */s/ David A. Henry*

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*Name: David A. Henry*

*Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*