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FORM 11-K/A**

þ **ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008**

**OR**

o **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 1-14303**

**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC. SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN**

(Full title of the plan)

American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.

One Dauch Drive, Detroit, MI 48211-1198

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal  
executive offices)

(313) 758-2000

(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

June 26, 2009

To the Participants and Plan Administrator

American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Salaried Savings Plan

Detroit, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Salaried Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2008, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2, effective January 1, 2008, the Plan has adopted the fair value measurement and disclosure provisions contained in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, and SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets held for investment purposes as of December 31, 2008 is presented for purposes of complying with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ GEORGE JOHNSON & COMPANY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Detroit, Michigan

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**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC.**  
**SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

|   | <b>2008</b>          | <b>2007</b>           |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>  |                      |                       |
| Participant-directed investments:   |                      |                       |
| Investments, at fair value (Notes 2 and 3):   |                      |                       |
| Investments in registered investment companies  | \$ 77,556,341        | \$ 120,733,579        |
| Common stock American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.   | 4,144,849            | 3,729,278             |
| Collective trust fund   | 12,867,113           | 11,603,310            |
| Participant loans receivable  | 2,547,357            | 2,751,835             |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Total Investments   | 97,115,660           | 138,818,002           |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Receivables:  |                      |                       |
| Participant contributions   | 301,534              |                       |
| Employer contributions  | 473,038              | 19,951                |
| Receivable from broker for securities sold  | 3,149                |                       |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Total Receivables   | 777,721              | 19,951                |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Total Assets  | 97,893,381           | 138,837,953           |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>   |                      |                       |
| Excess contributions refundable   | 120,116              |                       |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Net Assets Reflecting All Investments at Fair Value   | 97,773,265           | 138,837,953           |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (Note 3) | 522,152              | 87,972                |
| <br>  |                      |                       |
| <b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>  | <b>\$ 98,295,417</b> | <b>\$ 138,925,925</b> |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

|   | <b>Participant-Directed<br/>Investments</b> |
|---|---|
| <b>ADDITIONS:</b>   |   |
| Participant contributions   | \$ 10,200,625                               |
| Employer contributions  | 7,205,615                                   |
| <br>  |   |
| Total Contributions   | 17,406,240                                  |
| <br>  |   |
| Interest income on participant loans  | 171,394                                     |
| Dividends   | 7,055,455                                   |
| Transfer of assets from American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Personal Savings Plan for<br>Hourly-Rate Associates | 152,173                                     |
| <br>  |   |
| Total Additions   | 24,785,262                                  |
| <br>  |   |
| <b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>  |   |
| Benefits paid to participants   | 12,383,225                                  |
| Administrative expenses   | 12,735                                      |
| Net depreciation in fair value of investments (Note 3)  | 53,019,810                                  |
| <br>  |   |
| Total Deductions  | 65,415,770                                  |
| <br>  |   |
| DECREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS   | (40,630,508)                                |
| <br>  |   |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, BEGINNING OF YEAR  | 138,925,925                                 |
| <br>  |   |
| NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, END OF YEAR  | \$ 98,295,417                               |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007 AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

**General** - The following description of the American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. Salaried Savings Plan (the Plan ) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for more complete details of the Plan s provisions. Copies of the summary plan description are available from the human resource department of American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. (the Company ).

The Plan, established March 1, 1994, is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all U.S. salaried employees of the Company and salaried employees of the Company s U.S. subsidiaries. The Company may amend, modify, suspend, or terminate the Plan to the extent not prohibited by the Plan. No amendment, modification, suspension, or termination of the Plan shall have the effect of providing that any amounts then held under the Plan may be used or diverted to any purpose other than for the exclusive benefit of participants or their beneficiaries. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ( ERISA ).

**Contributions** - The Plan provides for each participant to contribute from 1% to 40% of his or her eligible earnings on a pre-tax or after-tax basis. Participant contributions received a matching amount equal to 50% from the Company for up to 10% of eligible salary in 2007 and in 2008. Participants over age 50 were eligible to contribute an additional \$5,000 for both the 2007 and 2008 calendar years as a catch-up contribution. Salaried employees of the Company s U.S. subsidiaries have employer matching amount differences from the plan above, which are outlined in the summary plan descriptions. Participants in the Company s salaried retirement programs whose benefits were frozen on December 31, 2006 received an additional annual retirement contribution between 3% to 5% of eligible salary, depending on years of service. Certain limitations exist as defined in the Plan agreement as to maximum contribution amounts. Additionally, participants may transfer funds into the Plan from other qualified plans. Employee participation is voluntary.

**Vesting** - Contributions made by participants shall vest immediately upon allocation to the account of the participant. The Company s contributions and earnings thereon shall vest upon the attainment of three years of credited service for all U.S. salaried employees of the Company and salaried employees at most of the Company s U.S. subsidiaries. Assets representing Company contributions which are not vested prior to a participant s withdrawal or termination of employment shall be applied to reduce subsequent Company contributions. If the Plan is terminated, any amount not so applied shall be credited ratably to the accounts of all participants.

**Investment Options** - Participants may direct investments to be split among any of the investment fund options available.



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**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Participant Loans* - The Plan allows participants to borrow against their account balances with repayment through payroll deductions. Loans may range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance, whichever is less.

*Hardship Withdrawals* - The Plan provides for early withdrawal of savings in the event of a participant's financial hardship. A financial hardship is considered to be those amounts necessary to prevent an eviction from, or mortgage foreclosure on, the participant's principal residence, extraordinary medical expenses for one or more members of the participant's immediate family not covered by insurance, post-secondary tuition for one or more members of the participant's immediate family, the purchase or construction of a principal place of residence, burial and/or funeral expense, or casualty loss expense. A financial hardship exists only when funds are not reasonably available from the participant's other sources, and the amount withdrawn must not exceed the amount needed in the situation.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*General* - The financial statements of the Plan are presented on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ).

*Changes in Accounting Principles* - In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ( SFAS ) No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This statement, which became effective January 1, 2008, defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and expands disclosure requirements regarding fair value measurements. The Plan adopted the requirements of SFAS No. 157 as of January 1, 2008 without a material impact on its financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115. This statement permits measurement of financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The Plan adopted this statement effective January 1, 2008 and has not elected the permitted fair value measurement provisions of this statement.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

***Changes in Accounting Principles (continued)*** - In February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ( FSP ) No. FAS 157-2, Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157, which delays the effective date of SFAS No. 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008. The Plan does not have any nonfinancial assets or nonfinancial liabilities.

***Valuation of Investments*** - The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. The shares of registered investment companies and common stock, as well as the units of collective trust funds, are valued at quoted market prices that represent the asset value of the shares or units held by the Plan at year-end. The fair value of participant loans receivable approximates their cost.

Under FSP AAG INV-1 and SOP 94-4-1, Reporting of Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts Held by Certain Investment Companies Subject to the AICPA Investment Company Guide and Defined-Contribution Health and Welfare and Pension Plans, investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan, including collective trust funds holding investment contracts, are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. As required by the FSP, the statements of net assets available for benefits present the fair value of the collective trust fund holding investment contracts as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The statement of changes in net assets available for benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

***Fair Value Measurements*** - The Plan uses fair value measurements in the preparation of its financial statements, which utilize various inputs, including those that can be readily observable, corroborated, or are generally unobservable. The Plan utilizes market-based data and valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Additionally, the Plan applies assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, including assumptions about risk.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*Fair Value Measurements (continued)* - SFAS No. 157 establishes a framework for measuring fair value, which includes a hierarchy based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value, and provides specific disclosure requirements based on the hierarchy. SFAS No. 157 requires the categorization of financial assets and liabilities, based on the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

The various levels of the SFAS No. 157 fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets and liabilities in an active market that the Plan has the ability to access

Level 2 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability

Level 3 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement

SFAS No. 157 requires the use of observable market data, when available, in making fair value measurements. When inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

*Use of Estimates* - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases or decreases in net assets available for benefits during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Plan invests in various securities, including mutual funds. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

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The fair value of individual investments that exceed five percent of the Plan's net assets available for benefits is as follows as of December 31, 2008 and 2007:

|  | 2008                            |               | 2007                            |               |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|  | Number<br>of Shares<br>or Units | Fair<br>Value | Number<br>of Shares<br>or Units | Fair<br>Value |
| Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund                 | 864,857.050                     | \$ 19,995,495 | 861,999.695                     | \$ 35,454,047 |
| Fidelity Managed Income<br>Portfolio II Fund   | 13,389,264.850                  | 12,867,113    | 11,691,281.990                  | 11,603,310    |
| Spartan U.S. Equity Index Fund                 | 398,640.287                     | 12,716,625    | 421,740.842                     | 21,888,350    |
| Fidelity Diversified International<br>Fund     | 573,077.931                     | 12,326,906    | 624,233.476                     | 24,906,916    |
| PIMCO Total Return Institutional<br>Class Fund | 956,493.562                     | 9,698,845     | 561,136.897                     | 5,998,553     |

The Plan's investment in the Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio II Fund includes wrapper contracts with a fair value of \$11,947 and \$0 as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) depreciated in value as follows:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Common stock - American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. | \$ (4,437,775)  |
| Investments in registered investment companies              | (48,582,035)    |
| Net Depreciation in Value                                   | \$ (53,019,810) |

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The Plan's fair value hierarchy for those assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008, and the Plan's investments as of December 31, 2007, are summarized as follows:

|   | 2008<br>Fair Value Measurements  |   |  | Totals        |                |
|---|--|---|--|---------------|----------------|
|   | Quoted<br>Prices in<br>Active<br>Markets for<br>Identical<br>Assets<br>(Level 1) | Significant<br>Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs<br>(Level 3) | 2008          | 2007           |
| ASSETS:   |  |   |  |               |                |
| Investments, at fair value:   |  |   |  |               |                |
| Investments in registered<br>investment companies   | \$ 77,556,341  | \$  | \$   | \$ 77,556,341 | \$ 120,733,579 |
| Common stock - American Axle<br>& Manufacturing Holdings,<br>Inc.                                       | 4,144,849  |   |  | 4,144,849     | 3,729,278      |
| Collective trust fund   |  | 12,867,113  |  | 12,867,113    | 11,603,310     |
| Participant loans receivable  |  |   | 2,547,357  | 2,547,357     | 2,751,835      |
| Total Investments at Fair Value   | 81,701,190   | 12,867,113  | 2,547,357  | 97,115,660    | 138,818,002    |
| Adjustment from fair value to<br>contract value for fully<br>benefit-responsive investment<br>contracts |  | 522,152   |  | 522,152       | 87,972         |
|   | \$ 81,701,190  | \$ 13,389,265   | \$ 2,547,357                                       | \$ 97,637,812 | \$ 138,905,974 |

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As of December 31, 2008 and 2007, the Plan held the following investments with various parties-in-interest:

|   | <b>2008</b>          | <b>2007</b>           |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Registered investment companies managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company ( Fidelity ) | \$ 60,543,829        | \$ 103,113,376        |
| Collective trust fund managed by Fidelity (at contract value)                             | 13,389,265           | 11,691,282            |
| Common stock American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.                                 | 4,144,849            | 3,729,278             |
| Participant loans receivable  | 2,547,357            | 2,751,835             |
|   | <b>\$ 80,625,300</b> | <b>\$ 121,285,771</b> |

The fair value reconciliation of the Plan's Level 3 assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis for the year ended December 31, 2008 is as follows:

|                                       | <b>Participant<br/>Loans<br/>Receivable</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>CHANGES IN LEVEL 3 ASSETS:</b>     |   |
| Purchases, issuances, and settlements | \$ (204,478)                                |
| <br>                                  |   |
| DECREASE IN LEVEL 3 ASSETS            | (204,478)                                   |
| <br>                                  |   |
| BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2008              | 2,751,835                                   |
| <br>                                  |   |
| BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2008            | \$ 2,547,357                                |

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**4. PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company reserves the right to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA and any applicable agreements. In the event of Plan termination, each participant would have a nonforfeitable right to his or her total account balance as of the date of termination. Company contributions and earnings thereon which are not vested at the time of termination would be credited ratably to the accounts of all participants.

**5. TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES-IN-INTEREST**

Fees for accounting, legal, and trustee services were paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan. The fees paid by the Company for services rendered by parties-in-interest were based on customary and reasonable rates for such services.

Certain investments held by the Plan as of December 31, 2008 and 2007 are managed by Fidelity, the trustee and custodian of the Plan. Such investments fall within the investment guidelines of the Plan and are considered parties-in-interest. See Note 3 for investments held by the Plan with various parties-in-interest.

**6. INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on August 31, 2004, in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code ( IRC ). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan administrator and the Plan s tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan s financial statements.

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The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits from the financial statements to Form 5500 as of December 31, 2008 and 2007:

|   | <b>2008</b>       | <b>2007</b>        |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| Net assets available for benefits, financial statements                                 | \$ 98,295,417     | \$ 138,925,925     |
| Less: Adjustment to reflect fully benefit-responsive investment contracts at fair value | (522,152)         | (87,972)           |
| <br>Net Assets Available for Benefits, Form 5500  | <br>\$ 97,773,265 | <br>\$ 138,837,953 |

The collective trust fund, which holds fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, is adjusted to contract value in the accompanying financial statements. Such investments are required to be reported at fair value on Form 5500.

The following amounts recorded on the 2008 Form 5500 are not recorded on the 2008 financial statements:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Net investment loss from common and collective trusts | \$ (434,180) |
|---|--------------|

**8. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The FASB has issued FASB Interpretation ( FIN ) No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. FIN No. 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN No. 48 applies to the Plan's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2009. The Plan's management does not anticipate the implementation of this Interpretation to have any impact on the Plan's financial statements.



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**9. SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

Effective May 1, 2009, the American Axle Stock Fund was frozen to new contributions and exchanges into the fund. Following the freeze, on May 22, 2009, participants in the American Axle Stock Fund were provided notice that the stock fund will be discontinued and removed as an investment option under the Plan beginning June 22, 2009. As of June 24, 2009, all interest in the American Axle Stock Fund was liquidated to be transferred to the fund(s) designated by each participant or to the Fidelity Freedom Fund® Lifecycle investment option.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE**

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| <b>Party-in-Interest</b> | <b>Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party</b>                      | <b>Description of Investment (Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, and Par or Maturity Value)</b> | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Current Value</b> |
|--------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------------------|
|                          | Registered Investment Companies:<br>Managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company: |   |             |                      |
| *                        | Fidelity Low-Priced Stock Fund  | 864,857.050 shares  | (a)         | \$ 19,995,495        |
| *                        | Fidelity Diversified International Fund   | 573,077.931 shares  | (a)         | 12,326,906           |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom Income Fund  | 85,047.972 shares   | (a)         | 813,059              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2000 Fund  | 31,853.636 shares   | (a)         | 320,129              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2010 Fund  | 118,193.765 shares  | (a)         | 1,224,487            |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2020 Fund  | 482,150.745 shares  | (a)         | 4,845,615            |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2030 Fund  | 412,555.455 shares  | (a)         | 4,026,541            |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund  | 337,903.535 shares  | (a)         | 1,888,881            |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2005 Fund  | 15,705.014 shares   | (a)         | 131,765              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2015 Fund  | 51,089.624 shares   | (a)         | 437,327              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2025 Fund  | 75,443.385 shares   | (a)         | 620,899              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund  | 63,511.311 shares   | (a)         | 509,996              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2045 Fund  | 61,738.335 shares   | (a)         | 406,238              |
| *                        | Fidelity Freedom 2050 Fund  | 43,323.001 shares   | (a)         | 279,866              |
| *                        | Spartan U.S. Equity Index Fund  | 398,640.287 shares  | (a)         | 12,716,625           |
|                          |   |   |             | 60,543,829           |
|                          | Other:  |   |             |                      |
|                          | PIMCO Total Return Institutional Class Fund                                       | 956,493.562 shares  | (a)         | 9,698,845            |
|                          | PIMCO High Yield Institutional Class Fund   | 273,317.090 shares  | (a)         | 1,828,491            |
|                          | First American Mid Cap Growth Opportunity Y Fund                                  | 41,700.947 shares   | (a)         | 978,721              |
|                          | American Funds Growth Fund of America R5 Fund                                     | 75,740.348 shares   | (a)         | 1,548,133            |
|                          | Fifth Third Disciplined Large Cap Value Fund I                                    | 42,057.657 shares   | (a)         | 336,882              |
|                          | Domini Social Equity R Fund   | 74,859.122 shares   | (a)         | 469,367              |
|                          | Munder Small Cap Value Y Class Fund   | 79,948.355 shares   | (a)         | 978,568              |

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|   | American Beacon Small Cap Value Institutional Class Fund                | 99,703.050 shares   | (a)   | 1,173,505     |
|   |   |   |       | 77,556,341    |
|   | Common Stock:   |   |       |               |
| * | American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.                            | 1,434,203.851 shares  | (a)   | 4,144,849     |
|   | Collective Trust Fund:  |   |       |               |
| * | Fidelity Managed Income Portfolio II Fund (including wrapper contracts) | 13,389,264.850 units  | (a)   | 12,867,113    |
|   | Participant Loans Receivable:   |   |       |               |
| * | Plan participants   | Loans receivable; interest rates ranged from 5.00% to 9.25% during 2008 | \$-0- | 2,547,357     |
|   |   |   |       | \$ 97,115,660 |

(a) These are participant-directed investments; therefore, the cost is not required to be reported. There were no investment assets reportable as acquired and disposed of during the year ended December 31, 2008.

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**SIGNATURE**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING, INC.  
SALARIED SAVINGS PLAN

July 22, 2009

/s/ Michael K. Simonte  
Michael K. Simonte  
Executive Vice President Finance & Chief Financial  
Officer  
American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.

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