SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC

Form 8-K January 07, 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): December 31, 2008

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

OREGON 0-22496 93-0341923 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

3200 N.W. Yeon Ave.
P.O. Box 10047
Portland, OR

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

97296-0047
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number Including Area Code: (503) 224-9900

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Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;

5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Gary A. Schnitzer, Executive Vice President, retired from the Company, effective December 31, 2008. The Company has entered into a one-year consulting agreement with Mr. Schnitzer pursuant to which Mr. Schnitzer may perform services for the Company as requested by the chief executive officer. Mr. Schnitzer would be paid \$1,700 per day worked unless the Company and Mr. Schnitzer agree to a project-based fee structure.

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.

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Registrant)

Dated: January 7, 2009 By: /s/ RICHARD C.

JOSEPHSON

Name: Richard C. Josephson Title: Senior Vice President