

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 \*  
 Thanopoulos George

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE DAUCH DRIVE

(Street)

DETROIT, MI 48211

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/06/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/06/2017		A		1,060,290	A	1,060,290
Common Stock	04/06/2017		F		65,259	D	\$ 17 995,031

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
							Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
					Code V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Thanopoulos George ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Laura L. Douglas, attorney in fact  
04/10/2017

\*\*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) Received in exchange for 2,120,580 shares of Metaldyne Performance Group Inc. (MPG) common stock in connection with the acquisition of MPG by the Issuer under the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 3, 2016, among the Issuer, MPG, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer (the Merger). At the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding share of MPG common stock (as well as each outstanding restricted stock award of MPG and each share underlying outstanding restricted stock units with respect to MPG) held by the reporting person was converted into the right to receive (i) \$13.50 in cash, without interest, and (ii) 0.5 of a share of Issuer common stock. On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of the Issuer's common stock was \$17.00. All outstanding restricted stock awards of MPG and restricted stock units with respect to MPG held by the reporting person vested in connection with the Merger.

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