

McGahn Daniel P  
Form 4  
December 18, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
McGahn Daniel P

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR  
CORP /DE/ [AMSC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O AMERICAN  
SUPERCONDUCTOR  
CORPORATION, 64 JACKSON  
ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
SVP/GM Superconductors&GMA Asia

(Street)  
DEVENS, MA 01434

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
|                                       |   |   | Code                                 | V   | Amount   | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   | Price                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/16/2008                              |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     |   | 810  | D  | \$<br>15.44                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/16/2008                              |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     |   | 300  | D  | \$ 15.4 0                               |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/16/2008                              |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     |   | 67   | D  | \$<br>15.39 0                           |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/16/2008                              |   | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     |   | 33   | D  | \$<br>15.38 49,790 <sup>(2)</sup>       |

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Common  
Stock

527 <sup>(3)</sup>

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By 401(k)  
Plan

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships   |
|--|---|
| McGahn Daniel P<br>C/O AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR<br>CORPORATION<br>64 JACKSON ROAD<br>DEVENS, MA 01434 | Director 10%<br>Owner Officer Other<br>SVP/GM<br>Superconductors&GMAsia |

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel P.  
McGahn 12/18/2008

\*\*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)

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The sale was made solely to cover Mr. McGahn's tax liability associated with the vesting in December of this year of a total of 4,000 shares of restricted stock pursuant to an award made to Mr. McGahn in December 2006.

- (2) Following all the transactions reported on this Form 4, the reporting person holds 49,790 shares directly.
- (3) Following all the transactions reported on this Form 4, the reporting person holds 527 shares indirectly through the company's 401(k) plan as of November 30, 2008.

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