

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP

Form 8-K

November 17, 2010

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): November 15, 2010

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618
(Commission File Number)

16-0547600
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY, AMHERST, NEW YORK
(Address of principal executive offices)

14228-1197
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On November 15, 2010, certain executive officers of Columbus McKinnon Corporation (the “Company”) adopted pre-arranged trading plans (each, a “Plan”) designed to comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Company’s policies regarding stock transactions. Under Rule 10b5-1, directors, officers and other persons who are not in possession of material non-public information may adopt a pre-arranged plan or contract for the sale of Company securities under specified conditions and at specified times. As sales are executed in the future under these Plans, they will be reported in accordance with federal securities laws. Using these Plans, insiders can gradually diversify their investment portfolios, spread stock trades out over an extended period of time to reduce market impact and avoid concerns about transactions occurring at a time when they might possess inside information.

The executives have informed the Company that the proceeds from these stock sales will be used to exercise vested options which expire in August 2011 and pay the resulting income taxes.

The Plan adopted by Timothy T. Tevens, the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and President, provides for the sale of up to a total of 40,690 shares over a period beginning February 14, 2011 and ending on August 19, 2011. These shares will be acquired through the exercise of stock options. Shares will be sold under the Plan on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds.

The Plan adopted by Karen L. Howard, the Company’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, provides for the sale of up to a total of 34,500 shares over a period beginning February 14, 2011 and ending on August 19, 2011. These shares will be acquired through the exercise of stock options. Shares will be sold under the Plan on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds.

The Plan adopted by Joseph J. Owen, the Company’s Vice President – Supply Chain Management, provides for the sale of up to a total of 15,700 shares over a period beginning February 14, 2011 and ending on August 19, 2011. These shares will be acquired through the exercise of stock options. Shares will be sold under the Plan on the open market at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds.

The Company does not undertake to report Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any officers or directors of the Company in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced plan or to report any plan adopted by an employee who is not an executive officer, except to the extent required by law.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karen L. Howard
Name: Karen L. Howard
Title: Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: November 15, 2010
