

FERRO CORP
Form 8-K
May 10, 2010

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):

May 7, 2010

Ferro Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-584

34-0217820

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1000 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

44114

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

216-641-8580

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On May 10, 2010, Ferro Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release to announce restructuring initiatives associated with the Company's European manufacturing operations. The Company has completed consultation with the works council on the restructuring initiative and will now proceed with the restructuring.

As a result of this action, Ferro expects to discontinue manufacturing of dielectric products in Uden, the Netherlands. Products currently manufactured at the site will be transferred to other Company locations or discontinued and the manufacturing site will be closed. The consolidation will result in a staffing reduction of approximately 120 positions in manufacturing and supporting functions. Operations are expected to be concluded at the site by the end of 2010.

The Company expects to record charges of approximately \$13 million, related to the costs of the restructuring. The charges include approximately \$9 million in severance costs and approximately \$3 million in site clean-up and shutdown costs. Possible non-cash impairments of the property and equipment related to this restructuring action have not yet been determined. The initiatives are expected to generate pre-tax cost and expense savings of approximately \$6 million on an annual basis.

A copy of the press release announcing the actions is attached, hereto, as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1: Press release

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Ferro Corporation

May 10, 2010

By: *Sallie B. Bailey*

Name: Sallie B. Bailey

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release