

COMMERCIAL METALS CO

Form 8-K

September 30, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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) September 30, 2005 (September 26, 2005)  
Commercial Metals Company**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-4034**

(Commission File Number)

**6565 N. MacArthur Blvd.  
Irving, Texas**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**75-0725338**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**75039**

(Zip Code)

**(214) 689-4300**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

**(a) Changes to Base Salaries for Certain Named Executive Officers**

On September 26, 2005 the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Commercial Metals Company (the Company) approved increases in the annual base salary for the Company's Chief Executive Officer and certain other executive officers, including four either named in the executive compensation disclosures in the Company's proxy statement for the meeting held January 27, 2005, or anticipated, subject to establishment of annual compensation attributable to the Company's fiscal year ended August 31, 2005, to be named in such disclosure in the Company's proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held January 26, 2006. These changes were made effective with the beginning of the Company's fiscal year September 1, 2005.

The annual base salary of Stanley A. Rabin, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer was increased from \$600,000 to \$650,000; Murray R. McClean, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, was increased from \$400,000 to \$430,000; Russell B. Rinn, Vice President and CMC Steel Group Chief Operating Officer, was increased from \$325,000 to \$340,000; and Hanns Zoellner, Vice President and President of the CMC Marketing and Distribution Segment was increased from \$360,000 to \$375,000. Mr. Zoellner, who resides in and works from the offices of a subsidiary of the Company which is headquartered in Switzerland, is paid in Swiss Francs and his base salary as reported reflects approximate currency exchange values which will fluctuate.

**(b) Non-Employee Director Fees**

On September 27, 2005, the Board of Directors, based on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Compensation Committee following a review of an analysis by an independent consultant of the competitiveness of the Company's total annual compensation paid non-employee directors, approved two changes to the compensation payable to non-employee directors.

The annual cash retainer fee paid to each non-employee director was increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000 (\$12,500 a calendar year quarter), to be effective with the payment for the period beginning October 1, 2005. The annual retainer fee paid the Chairmen of each of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees was increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500, prorated for the period beginning October 1, 2005.

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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.

**COMMERCIAL METALS COMPANY**

Date: September 30, 2005

By: /s/William B. Larson  
Name: William B. Larson  
Title: Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer