

OLYMPIC STEEL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 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) January 4, 2010  
Olympic Steel, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Ohio**

**0-23320**

**34-1245650**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

5096 Richmond Road, Bedford Heights, Ohio

44146-1392

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (216) 292-3800

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 4, 2010, Olympic Steel, Inc. (the Company ) entered into an Open Market Sale Agreement (the Agreement ) with Jefferies & Company, Inc. as sales agent and/or principal (the Agent ). Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company may issue and sell, from time to time, through the Agent, shares of the Company s common stock, without par value (the Common Shares ), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75,000,000 on the terms set forth in the Agreement.

Sales of the Common Shares, if any, will be made (a) in privately negotiated transactions, (b) as crosses, (c) as block transactions or (d) by any other method or payment permitted by law deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Agent will use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell the Common Shares, as instructed by the Company. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company may also sell Common Shares to the Agent as principal for its own account at a price agreed upon in writing at the time of sale.

The foregoing is only a brief description of the material terms of the Agreement, does not purport to be a complete description of the Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

- 1.1 Open Market Sale Agreement, dated January 4, 2010, between Olympic Steel, Inc. and Jefferies & Company, Inc.
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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.

**OLYMPIC STEEL, INC.**

By: /s/ Richard T. Marabito  
Name: Richard T. Marabito  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 5, 2010

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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