

FERRO CORP
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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): April 25, 2014

Ferro Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-584
(Commission
File Number)

34-0217820
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6060 Parkland Boulevard, Mayfield

44124

Heights, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 216-875-5600

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))

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On April 25, 2014, Ferro Corporation (the Company) held its 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the 2014 Annual Meeting). At the 2014 Annual Meeting, shareholders of the Company approved proposals to amend (i) the Company's Amended and Restated Code of Regulations (the Regulations) to provide for the annual election of all directors and (ii) the Company's Eleventh Amended Articles of Incorporation (the Articles) to eliminate cumulative voting in elections of directors. The implementation of these proposals was expressly conditioned upon the approval by the Company's shareholders of both proposals. Because the Company's shareholders approved both proposals, the Company has implemented both proposals. The Company has filed the Articles, as amended, with the office of the Ohio Secretary of State and will include a copy as an exhibit to its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014.

Following the 2014 Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Company also adopted amendments to the Regulations, effective immediately, to revise provisions containing voting or participation requirements that had greater than a simple majority standard that could be lowered under Ohio law, specifically, those with respect to shareholders fixing the number of directors and amending the Regulations by written consent. These amendments were adopted in response to a shareholder proposal presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting, which was approved by the Company's shareholders, that requested the Board to take action to lower the voting standards contained in its charter documents.

The preceding description of the amendments to the Regulations is qualified in its entirety by reference to, and should be read in conjunction with, the full text of the Regulations, as so amended, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3.1 and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The 2014 Annual Meeting was held on Friday, April 25, 2014.

The final results of voting on each of the matters submitted to a vote of security holders at the 2014 Annual Meeting are as follows:

1. Shareholders elected each of the following three nominees as a director to serve for a term to expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, as set forth below.

| Name | Votes For | Votes Withheld | Broker Non-Votes | Votes Uncast |
|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Richard J. Hipple | 72,767,265 | 1,868,332 | 6,567,904 | 0 |
| Gregory E. Hyland | 74,045,879 | 589,718 | 6,567,904 | 0 |
| William B. Lawrence | 73,691,714 | 943,158 | 6,567,904 | 724 |

2. Shareholders approved the conditional proposal to amend the Regulations to provide for the annual election of all directors, as set forth below.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 61,331,991 | 13,234,499 | 69,106 | 6,567,904 |

3. Shareholders approved the conditional proposal to amend the Articles to eliminate cumulative voting in elections of directors, as set forth below.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 58,610,073 | 15,869,307 | 156,216 | 6,567,904 |

4. Shareholders ratified the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, as set forth below.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 78,106,470 | 3,052,219 | 44,812 | 0 |

5. Shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as set forth below.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 71,081,715 | 3,360,099 | 193,782 | 6,567,904 |

6. Shareholders approved a shareholder proposal requesting the Board to take action to change voting standards contained in the Company's charter documents to a simple majority voting standard, as set forth below.

| Votes For | Votes Against | Abstentions | Broker Non-Votes |
|------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 74,151,610 | 318,306 | 165,680 | 6,567,904 |

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Following the 2014 Annual Meeting, the Board, in accordance with its previously announced intention, appointed Peter T. Thomas as Chairman of the Board and Gregory E. Hyland as Lead Director and Chair of the Board's Governance & Nomination Committee.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

| No. | Description |
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| 3.1 | Ferro Corporation Amended and Restated Code of Regulations. |

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

By: /s/ Mark H. Duesenberg

Name: Mark H. Duesenberg

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary*

May 1, 2014

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