

American Railcar Industries, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2016

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): December 20, 2016

AMERICAN RAILCAR INDUSTRIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

North Dakota                      000-51728      43-1481791  
(State or other jurisdiction      (Commission      (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)                  File Number)      Identification No.)

100 Clark Street  
St. Charles, Missouri                      63301  
(Address of principal executive offices)      (Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (636) 940-6000  
N/A  
(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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On December 20, 2016, American Railcar Industries, Inc. (ARI) entered into a Third Amendment (the Amendment) to the Purchasing and Engineering Services Agreement and License dated as of January 7, 2013 and amended as of August 22, 2014 and November 5, 2015 (the Agreement) with ACF Industries, LLC (ACF), a company controlled by Mr. Carl Icahn, ARI's principal beneficial stockholder through Icahn Enterprises L.P. The Amendment was unanimously approved by the independent directors of ARI's audit committee.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, ARI provides purchasing support and engineering services to ACF in connection with ACF's manufacture and sale of tank railcars at its facility in Milton, Pennsylvania.

Additionally, ARI granted ACF a non-exclusive, non-assignable license to certain of ARI's intellectual property, including certain designs, specifications, processes and manufacturing know-how required to manufacture and sell tank railcars during the term of the Agreement. The Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2017, subject to certain early termination events.

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SIGNATURE

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.

December 21, 2016            American Railcar Industries, Inc.

By:    /s/ Luke M. Williams

Name: Luke M. Williams

Title: Interim Senior Vice President, Interim Chief Financial Officer and Interim Treasurer