

USA TRUCK INC  
Form 8-K  
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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): February 25, 2014

USA TRUCK, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-19858  
(Commission File Number)

71-0556971  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3200 Industrial Park Road  
Van Buren, Arkansas  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

72956  
(Zip Code)

(479) 471-2500  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) On February 25, 2014, the Executive Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors of USA Truck, Inc. (the “Company”) approved the USA Truck, Inc. 2014 Management Bonus Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan’s objectives are to attract, retain and motivate key management employees, to reward those management employees for meeting or exceeding their performance targets and to align the incentive rewards with the Company’s long-term objective of creating and growing economic value for its stockholders. The Plan consists of cash and equity incentive awards.

Plan participants will be paid a cash percentage and an equity percentage of their base salaries corresponding with the achievement of certain levels of consolidated 2014 pretax income.

- Each applicable level of consolidated 2014 pretax income corresponds to a percentage bonus opportunity for the employee that is multiplied by the employee’s base salary to determine the employee’s cash bonus. Pursuant to the Plan, John M. Simone, as a named executive officer, may receive between 25% and 125% of his base salary, and Clifton R. Beckham and Michael R. Weindel, as named executive officers, may receive between 20% and 100% of their respective base salaries, depending on the applicable level of consolidated 2014 pretax income achieved, if any.
- The equity awards, if any, will consist of restricted stock. Each applicable level of consolidated 2014 pretax income corresponds to a percentage bonus opportunity for the employee. The percentage is multiplied by the employee’s base salary and that amount is divided by the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the day following the release of its 2014 earnings to determine the number of shares to be awarded. Pursuant to the Plan, John M. Simone, Clifton R. Beckham, and Michael R. Weindel, as named executive officers, may receive between 10% and 30% of their respective base salaries in equity, depending on the applicable level of consolidated 2014 pretax income achieved, if any. Instead of restricted stock, the Committee may, at its discretion, choose to award the shares in the form of nonqualified stock options, the number of which would be determined based upon the Black-Scholes-Merton cost model and the exercise price of which would be the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the day following the release of its 2014 earnings. The equity awards will vest one-fourth each year beginning on the anniversary of the date of grant, conditioned on continued employment and certain other forfeiture provisions, and will be issued from the Company’s 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan, if approved by our stockholders at our 2014 Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 23, 2014.

The Plan will be administered by the Committee and the Committee shall make all final decisions regarding Plan participants and awards.

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.

USA Truck, Inc.  
(Registrant)

Date: March 3, 2014

/s/ John M. Simone  
John M. Simone  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 3, 2014

/s/ Clifton R. Beckham  
Clifton R. Beckham  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer