COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP Form 8-K January 10, 2011

## 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 10, 2011

COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

NEW YORK (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-27618 (Commission File Number)	16-0547600 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY, AMHERST, NEW YORK	14228-1197
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (716) 689-5400

(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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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OTHER EVENTS.

On January 10, 2011, the registrant announced its intention to raise proceeds through a private offering of Senior Subordinated Notes, pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933. A copy of the press release issued in connection with such action is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c)Exhibits.

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION NUMBER

99.1 Press Release dated January 10, 2011

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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.

## COLUMBUS McKINNON CORPORATION

By: Name: Title: /s/ Karen L. Howard Karen L. Howard Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: January 10, 2011

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