

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Mackenzie Smith Simon		2/5/2026	Dauch Corp [DCH]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
ONE DAUCH DRIVE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Street)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
DETROIT, MI 482111			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	14,394	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney attached hereto.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mackenzie Smith Simon ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 482111	X			

Signatures

/s/ **Kristen M. Netschke, by PoA from Simon Mackenzie Smith**

2/13/2026

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

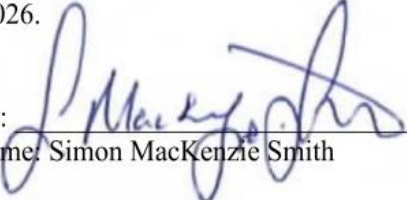
Know all by these presents that the undersigned, does hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Kristen Netschke, Dawn M. Ledbetter and Erika McKee, or any one of them, as a true and lawful attorney-in-fact of the undersigned with full powers of substitution and revocation, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned (in the undersigned's individual capacity), to:

- (i) (a) act as an account administrator (as such term may be defined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), from time to time) with respect to the undersigned's EDGAR account and take all actions necessary or appropriate to enable the undersigned to make electronic filings with the SEC and (b) certify as to the identity and accuracy of (1) the individuals and entities authorized to act on the undersigned's behalf with respect to the EDGAR Next system and electronic filings made with the SEC and (2) all information about the undersigned reflected on the undersigned's EDGAR account;
- (ii) designate certain individuals (other than the undersigned) to access and manage the undersigned's EDGAR account as an "account administrator," "user," or "technical administrator" or other such roles as the undersigned or the attorney-in-fact may designate and as such terms may be defined by the SEC, from time to time;
- (iii) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of **American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc.** (the "Company"), statements on Form 3, Form 4 and Form 5 (including any amendments, supplements or exhibits thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Act");
- (iv) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 (including any amendments, supplements or exhibits thereto) and timely file such form with the SEC and any stock exchange or similar authority;
- (v) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Power of Attorney and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (vi) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the Act.


This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of: (i) the date on which the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (ii) as to the appointment of each of Kristen Netschke, Dawn M. Ledbetter and Erika McKee upon their respective resignation as an employee of the Company, and (iii) the revocation of this Power of Attorney by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney may be filed with the SEC as a conforming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23rd day of January, 2026.

By: 
Name: Simon MacKenzie Smith



Jacqueline Rose Miller
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Genesee
Acting in Wayne
My Commission Expires: June 24, 2028
Dated: January 23, 2026

 JACQUELINE ROSE MILLER
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