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**26 January 2026**

**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS, INC. TO BECOME "DAUCH CORPORATION"**

American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. (the "**Company**") today announced that on 23 January 2026 the Company changed its name to Dauch Corporation ("**Dauch**") (the "**Name Change**"). The Name Change became effective on 26 January 2026.

As a result of the Name Change, effective 5 February 2026, the Company's shares of common stock will cease trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the name American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. and under the ticker symbol "AXL" and will begin trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the name Dauch Corporation and under the new ticker symbol, "DCH".

Following the Name Change, existing stock certificates, which reflect the former name of the Company, will continue to be valid unless and until such certificates are exchanged for new stock certificates reflecting the new name of the Company.

The Name Change has no effect on the Combination with Dowlais Group plc ("**Dowlais**"). As announced on 16 January 2026, the Court Hearing in respect of the Combination has been scheduled to take place on 30 January 2026.

**David C. Dauch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Dauch, commented:**

*"This is a transformational moment for our company and its stockholders and another visible milestone in our long-term strategy as we prepare for the planned business acquisition of Dowlais Group and its subsidiaries. The name stands for clarity, confidence, and a commitment to performance with a legacy of leadership that has helped shape engineering and manufacturing. It represents a responsibility to our stakeholders, a dedication to operational excellence, and a willingness to take bold steps as we strive to exceed today's standards and capitalize on tomorrow's potential."*

The new name and branding will go into effect today with a brand identity rollout that will commence with the completion of the Combination, which is expected to occur on 3 February 2026.

No action is required by the Company's shareholders with respect to the Name Change or the ticker symbol change.

Terms used but not defined in this announcement have the same meanings as in the scheme document published in connection with the Scheme and sent by Dowlais to Dowlais Shareholders on 19 June 2025.

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*The statements contained in this announcement are made as at the date of this announcement, unless some other time is specified in relation to them, and publication of this announcement shall not give rise to any implication that there has been no change in the facts set forth in this announcement since such date.*

*This announcement does not constitute a prospectus or a prospectus equivalent document.*

*This announcement has been prepared for the purpose of complying with English law and the information disclosed may not be the same as that which would have been disclosed if this announcement had been prepared in accordance with the laws of jurisdictions outside England.*

*The Combination is subject to the applicable requirements of English law, the Takeover Code, the Takeover Panel, the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Conduct Authority.*

*Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any U.S. state securities commission has approved, disproved or passed judgment upon the fairness or the merits of the New Dauch Shares or the Combination or upon the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of this announcement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence in the U.S.*

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*Further details in relation to Dowlais Shareholders in overseas jurisdictions are contained in the Scheme Document (or, if the Combination is implemented by way of a Takeover Offer, the Takeover Offer documents).*

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*In this announcement, Dauch makes statements concerning its expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, and future events or performance, including, but not limited to, certain statements related to the ability of Dauch and Dowlais to consummate the Combination in a timely manner or at all, the closing of the Combination and the regulatory approval process. Such statements are "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and relate to trends and events that may affect Dauch's or the combined company's future financial position and operating results. The terms such as "will", "may", "could", "would", "plan", "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "project", "target", and similar words or expressions, as well as statements in future tense, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by, which such performance or results will be achieved. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. These risks and uncertainties related to Dauch include factors detailed in the reports Dauch files with the SEC, including those described under "Risk Factors" in its most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication. Dauch expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in its expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.*

**Publication on website**

*A copy of this announcement and the documents required to be published pursuant to Rule 26 of the Takeover Code and will be available, subject to certain restrictions relating to persons resident in Restricted Jurisdictions, on Dauch's website promptly and in any event by no later than 12 noon (London time) on the business day (as defined in the Takeover Code) following the date of this announcement.*

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**General**

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