### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549-1004

## 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) March 18, 2015

# **GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-34960** (Commission File Number) **27-0756180** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan** (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**48265-3000** (Zip Code)

(313) 556-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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 2.05 Costs Associated With Exit or Disposal Activities

On March 18, 2015, General Motors Company (the "Company") decided to change its business model in Russia and expects to record net special charges of up to approximately \$600 million, primarily in the first quarter of 2015. These special charges consist of sales incentive charges, dealer restructuring costs, contract cancellation charges and severance-related costs. Approximately \$200 million of the net special charges will be non-cash expenses.

On March 18, 2015, the Company issued a press release that provides further details. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### **EXHIBIT**

<u>Exhibit</u>

**Description** 

Method of Filing

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release Announcing the Change of Business Attached as Exhibit Model in Russia

#### 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.

GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY (Registrant)

/s/ ROBERT SHROSBREE

Date: March 18, 2015

By:

Robert Shrosbree Acting Secretary



For Release: Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 8:30 a.m. EDT

## GM to Change Business Model in Russia

- Focus on Cadillac and iconic Chevrolet vehicles
- Wind down Opel brand and sale of mainstream Chevrolet cars
- Idle GM Auto manufacturing facility in St. Petersburg
- Part of GM's strategy to ensure long-term sustainability in global markets

**DETROIT** - General Motors today announced plans to change its business model in Russia. GM will focus on the premium segment of the Russian market with Cadillac and U.S.-built iconic Chevrolet products such as the Corvette, Camaro and Tahoe. The Chevrolet brand will minimize its presence in Russia and the Opel brand will leave the market by December 2015.

"This change in our business model in Russia is part of our global strategy to ensure long-term sustainability in markets where we operate," said GM President Dan Ammann. "This decision avoids significant investment into a market that has very challenging long-term prospects."

Opel Group CEO Karl-Thomas Neumann said, "We do not have the appropriate localization level for important vehicles built in Russia and the market environment does not justify a major investment to further localize."

The GM Auto plant in St. Petersburg will halt production by the middle of 2015. GM is planning to idle the plant. Furthermore, the contract assembly of Chevrolet vehicles at GAZ will be discontinued in 2015.

The GM-AVTOVAZ joint venture will continue to build and market the current generation Chevrolet NIVA. GM's global luxury brand Cadillac will be set up for growth in Russia over the next several years as it prepares for numerous product introductions.

Chevrolet and Opel will work closely with their dealer networks in Russia to define future steps while ensuring the company will honor its obligations to existing customers in the coming years. "We can assure our customers that we will continue to provide warranty, parts and services for their Chevrolet and Opel vehicles. We want to thank our customers and dealers for their loyalty to the Chevrolet and Opel brands," said Neumann.

"We had to take decisive action in Russia to protect our business. We confirm our outlook to return the European business to profitability in 2016 and stick to our long-term goals as defined in our DRIVE!2022 strategy," said Neumann. By 2022, the company plans to raise its market share in total Europe to 8 percent and to reach a profit margin of 5 percent.

As a result of the decision to change the business model in Russia, GM expects to record net special charges of up to approximately \$600 million primarily in the first quarter of 2015. The special charges include sales incentives, dealer restructuring, contract cancellations and severance-related costs. Approximately \$200 million of the net special charges will be non-cash expenses.

**General Motors Co.** (NYSE:GM, TSX: GMM) and its partners produce vehicles in 30 countries, and the company has leadership positions in the world's largest and fastest-growing automotive markets. GM, its subsidiaries and joint venture entities sell vehicles under the Chevrolet, Cadillac, Baojun, Buick, GMC, Holden, Jiefang, Opel, Vauxhall and Wuling brands.

More information on the company and its subsidiaries, including OnStar, a global leader in vehicle safety, security and information services, can be found at <a href="http://www.gm.com">http://www.gm.com</a>.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

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In this press release and in related comments by our management, our use of the words "expect," "anticipate," "possible," "potential," "target," "believe," "commit," "intend," "continue," "may," "would," "could," "should," "project," "projected," "positioned" or similar expressions is intended to identify forward-looking statements that represent our current judgment about possible future events. We believe these judgments are reasonable, but these statements are not guarantees of any events or financial results, and our actual results may differ materially due to a variety of important factors. Among other items, such factors might include: our ability to realize production efficiencies and to achieve reductions in costs as a result of our restructuring initiatives and labor modifications; our ability to maintain quality control over our vehicles and avoid material vehicle recalls; our ability to maintain adequate financing sources, including as required to fund our planned significant investment in new technology; our ability to realize successful vehicle applications of new technology; overall strength and stability of our markets, particularly Europe; our ability to remain competitive in Korea, our ability to accurately estimate the described special and restructuring charges and our ability to continue to attract new customers, particularly for our new products. GM's most recent annual report on Form 10-K provides information about these and other factors, which we may revise or supplement in future reports to the SEC.

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