

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4631

Mail Stop 4631

June 10, 2009

Mr. Curtis J. Zamec, II Chief Operating Officer Fansteel Inc. 1746 Commerce Road Creston, IA 50801

RE: Form 8-K Item 4.01 filed May 15, 2009

Form 8-K Item 4.01 filed May 21, 2009 Form 8-K/A Item 4.01 filed June 9, 2009

File #1-8676

Dear Mr. Zamec:

We have completed our review of your Form 8-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

If you have any further questions regarding our review of your filings, please direct them to the undersigned at (202) 551-3866.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Gordon Staff Accountant