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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

Reed Jerry E

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO

(Check all applicable)

[CENX]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2009

below) VP, Commercial Mgmt & Bus. Dev

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN ROAD

(State)

05/04/2009

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

MONTEREY, CA 93940

(City)

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Price Amount (D)

16,418 A

34,416 (2)

Stock Common Stock

Common

A <u>(1)</u> (1)

> 115.7558 (3) 401(k)

D

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securition |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Sha |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.55 (4) | 05/04/2009 | | A | 14,398 | 07/01/2011(5) | 05/04/2019 | Common Stock | 14,3 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Reed Jerry E CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD MONTEREY, CA 93940

VP, Commercial Mgmt & Bus. Dev

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Jerry E.

Reed 05/06/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
- Reports shares of common stock acquired by the Reporting Person in connection with performance share units granted pursuant to the Issuer?s 2009-2011 Performance Share Program (Plan Period) under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest on January 1, 2011, or if earlier, upon the Reporting Person?s termination of employment with the Issuer and its subsidiaries due to death, disability, termination other than for cause or other reason approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer?s Board of Directors.
- Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer?s 2008-2010

 Performance Share Program under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on the last day of the 2008-2010 program period (December 31, 2010) and unvested portions of the June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008 grants of service based performance shares
- (3) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on May 5, 2009.
- (4) Represents the average of the high and low price of the Issuer?s common stock on the date of grant, May 4, 2009.
- (5) May 4, 2009, grant of employee stock options pursuant to the Issuer?s 2009-2011 Performance Share Program under a Rule 16b-3(d). These options vest and become exercisable on July 1, 2011.

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