CENTURY ALUMINUM CO Form 8-K August 20, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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): August 20, 2012

Century Aluminum Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-34474 13-3070826

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2511 Garden Road

Building A, Suite 200 93940 Monterey, California (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(831) 642-9300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 20, 2012, Century Aluminum Company issued a press release announcing that its wholly owned subsidiary, Century Aluminum of Kentucky, has issued a 12-month notice to terminate its power contract with Big Rivers Electric Corporation for its Hawesville, Kentucky smelter. During the 12-month notice period, Century is required to pay a demand charge for power, but is not obligated to continue operating the plant. The entire text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated August 20, 2012.

SIGNATURES

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.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY

Date: August 20, 2012 By: /s/ William J. Leatherberry

Name: William J. Leatherberry

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,

General Counsel and Secretary

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99.1 Press Release dated August 20, 2012.