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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BATES JOHN C**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

STEEL DYNAMICS INC [STLD]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 10/15/2012

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

640 LAVOY ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ERIE, MI 48133

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr 4. 5. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionNumber **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Deri Security or Exercise Code of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Secu (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative (Inst

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	Derivative Security			Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	10/15/2012	10/15/2012	A	70 (1)	06/01/2017	06/01/2017	Common Stock	70 (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BATES JOHN C 640 LAVOY ROAD	X					
ERIE, MI 48133	Λ					

Signatures

John C. Bates 10/17/2012

**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).

Represents the number of additional deferred stock units (DSUs) resulting from a deemed dividend equivalent payment credited to the reporting person account in connection with his retainer as a director under the Steel Dynamics, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The number of additional DSUs has been calculated by dividing the dividend equivalent dollar amount by the market price of the company's common stock at the close of business on the day prior to the applicable payment date.

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