

Nielsen Robert R
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Nielsen Robert R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTURY ALUMINUM CO
 [CENX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec. VP and Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 CENTURY ALUMINUM
 COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN
 ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2009

MONTEREY, CA 93940
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	05/01/2009		F		1,788 <u>(1)</u>	D	45,227 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Stock							176.4855 <u>(3)</u>	I
								401(k)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nielsen Robert R CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			Exec. VP and Secretary	

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert R. Nielsen
Date: 05/01/2009

__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 withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax obligations at a net settlement price equal to the average of the high and low sale price on NASDAQ on May 1, 2009, the vesting date, in connection with serviced based performance shares granted to the Reporting Person on May 1, 2006 which vested one-third on each of the one, two and three year anniversaries of the grant date.
- (1) Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008-2010 Performance Share Program ("Plan Period") under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on the last day of the Plan Period (December 31, 2010).
 - (2) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on April 30, 2009.

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