Leatherberry William J Form 4 January 05, 2010

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Leatherberry William J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|------------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | CENTURY ALUMINUM CO [CENX] | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| CENTURY ALUMINUM | | | 01/01/2010 | below) below) Exec. VP & General Counsel | | | |
| COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN | | | | | | | |
| ROAD, BLD | G. A, SUIT | E 200 | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| MONTEREY, CA 93940 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | · ID· IO D C·IIO | | | |

| (City) | (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|------|---|--|-----|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. 4. Securities Ac Transaction(A) or Disposed Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5 (Instr. 8) | | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Insu: 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 01/01/2010 | | F | | 4,077 (1) | D | \$ 16.19 (1) | 39,773 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2009 | | G | V | 175 | D | \$ 0 | 39,598 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 187.2748 (3) | I | By 401(k) plan |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | cisable and | 7. Tit | le and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | ınt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Unde | rlying | Security | Secur |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Secur | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | S | | (Instr | . 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | | | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | Title | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | 11110 | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

> > Exec. VP & General Counsel

Leatherberry William J CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940

Signatures

William J.

01/05/2010 Leatherberry

**Signature of Reporting 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 closing price of the Company's common stock on December 31, 2009, the trading day immediately preceding the vesting date as the vesting day occurred on a day the markets were not open for trading, in connection with service based performance shares granted to the Reporting Person on April 2, 2009, all of which vested on January 1, 2010.

Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008-2010 and 2009-2010 Performance Share Program Periods under a Rule 16b-3d plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on December 31, 2010

(2) and January 1, 2011 respectively, or 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.

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(3) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on December 31, 2009.

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