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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).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Nielsen Robert R

(Zip)

(First) (Middle)

2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200

(Street)

MONTEREY, CA 93940

(State)

05/01/2006

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO [CENX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec. VP, GC and Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V (D) Price Amount

15,000 \$0 A

(1) (1)

15,000

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)

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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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 47.61	05/01/2006		A	25,000	<u>(2)</u>	05/01/2016	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Nielsen Robert R 2511 GARDEN ROAD BUILDING A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940

Exec. VP, GC and Secretary

Signatures

/s/ Robert R. 05/03/2006 Nielsen

**Signature of Reporting Person

of 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).
- (1) May 1, 2006 grant of restricted stock that vests on each of the one, two, and three year anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) May 1, 2006 grant of stock options. The options vest and become exercisable in three installments, one-third on each of May 1, 2006, May 1, 2007, and May 1, 2008.

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