FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person - OBRIEN JOHN P	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURY ALUMINUM CO [CENX]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2008	(Check all applicable) _X_Director _Officer (give title below)				
	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

	Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	on	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/23/2008		P		10,000	A	\$11.85	16,047 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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	or Exercise Price of Derivative any (Month/Day/Yea	(Instr. 8)		Derivative		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Audress	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
OBRIEN JOHN P CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940	X						

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes the unvested portion of the June 25, 2008 grant of service based performance shares.

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for John P. O'Brien

10/23/2008

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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