

# FORM 4

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

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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 - Lair Michelle			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTURY ALUMINUM CO [CENX]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  ____ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ____ 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below)  VP & Treasurer	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/04/2009			
CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200						
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
MONTEREY, CA 93940						
(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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/04/2009		A		16,418 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	<u>(1)</u>	27,746 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								352,5075 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401(k)

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.55 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/04/2009		A		14,398		07/01/2011 <sup>(5)</sup>	05/04/2019	Common Stock	14,398	\$ 0	14,398	D	

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lair Michelle CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			VP & Treasurer	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Reports shares of common stock acquired by the Reporting Person in connection with performance share units granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2009-2011 Performance Share Program (Plan Period) under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest on January 1, 2011, or if 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.

- (2) Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008–2010 Performance Share Program under a Rule 16b–3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on the last day of the 2008–2010 program period (December 31, 2010).
- (3) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on May 5, 2009.
- (4) Represents the average of the high and low price of the Issuer's common stock on the date of grant, May 4, 2009.
- (5) May 4, 2009, grant of employee stock options pursuant to the Issuer's 2009–2011 Performance Share Program under a Rule 16b–3(d). These options vest and become exercisable on July 1, 2011.

## Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Michelle Lair

05/06/2009

\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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