

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO  
 Form 4  
 January 22, 2009

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**BLESS MICHAEL A**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/22/2009**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP and CFO**

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
Common stock	01/22/2009		F	(A) or (D) D	2,797 (1) \$ 7.565	30,480 (2)	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 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLESS MICHAEL A CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			Executive VP and CFO	

## Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael A. Bless  
 01/22/2009

\*\*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).

(1) Reports shares withheld by the Issuer to satisfy tax obligations at a net settlement price equal to the average of the high and low sales price on NASDAQ on January 22, 2009, the date the shares vested, in connection with the shares of common stock granted to the Reporting Person on January 23, 2006, one-third of which vested on January 22, 2007, one-third on January 22, 2008 and the remaining one-third which vested on January 22, 2009. Such shares were granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to a Rule 16b-3(d) plan.

(2) The amount shown here 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 on the last day of the Plan Period (December 31, 2010), 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.

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