

FREELAND RICHARD J
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FREELAND RICHARD J
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
STEEL DYNAMICS INC [STLD]

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

7100 WEST JEFFERSON BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2011

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

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

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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) (A) or (D) Price | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 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 | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| Security | | | | | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|----------------------|------|------------|------------|---|--|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | (A) | (D) | | | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 06/30/2011 | 06/30/2011 | A | <u>33</u> (1) | ^ | 06/01/2012 | 06/01/2012 | Common Stock | 33 |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 09/30/2011 | 09/30/2011 | A | <u>48</u> (1) | ^ | 06/01/2012 | 06/01/2012 | Common Stock | 48 |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 12/30/2011 | 12/30/2011 | A | <u>36</u> (1) | ^ | 06/01/2012 | 06/01/2012 | Common Stock | 36 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FREELAND RICHARD J 7100 WEST JEFFERSON BLVD. FORT WAYNE, IN 46804 | ^ X | ^ | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

Richard J. Freeland 02/15/2012

**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).
Exempt award, pursuant to registrant's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, of 33 additional Deferred Stock Units (DSUs) on June 30, an additional 48 on September 30 and an additional 36 on December 31, 2011, determined by dividing the dollar amount of deemed dividends on each of the foregoing dates, issued in respect of reporting person's underlying 5,264 DSUs originally awarded June 1, 2011 and previously reported on Form 4 on June 3, 2011, divided by the closing price of Issuer's common stock on the day preceding each dividend record date.
- (2) Totals shown on each line include the same 5,264 originally issued DSUs plus the cumulative additional DSUs issued in respect of the deemed dividend following each dividend date.

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