

Nielsen Robert R  
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**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 \*  
 Nielsen Robert R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2009

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/16/2009		S		42,767	A	\$ 14.12 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock					176.4855	I	<u>(3)</u>

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 Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Nielsen Robert R  
 CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY  
 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200  
 MONTEREY, CA 93940

Executive Vice President

## Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Robert R. Nielsen

12/17/2009

*\*\*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) Represents the average sale price of 42,767 shares in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.0884 to \$14.17, resulting in a weighted average sale price of \$14.12. Upon the request of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Reporting Person will provide the SEC with full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

(2) Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008-2010 Performance Program Period under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on December 31, 2010, or 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.

(3) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on December 15, 2009.

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