

BATES JOHN C  
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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 \*  
BATES JOHN C  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
640 LAVOY ROAD  
(Street)  
ERIE, MI 48133  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/19/2008

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

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

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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)	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)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	29,621 D	\$ 11.67 4,996,755	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	8,622 D	\$ 11.68 4,988,133	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	82,440 D	\$ 11.69 4,905,693	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	243,089 D	\$ 11.7 4,662,604	I	See footnote (1)

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Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	7,600	D	\$ 11.71	4,655,004	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	6,500	D	\$ 11.72	4,648,504	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	14,400	D	\$ 11.73	4,634,104	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	10,559	D	\$ 11.74	4,623,545	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	11,241	D	\$ 11.75	4,612,304	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	3,573	D	\$ 11.76	4,608,731	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	24,600	D	\$ 11.77	4,584,131	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	2,300	D	\$ 11.78	4,581,831	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	3,200	D	\$ 11.79	4,578,631	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	34,354	D	\$ 11.8	4,544,277	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	25,660	D	\$ 11.81	4,518,617	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	30,701	D	\$ 11.82	4,487,916	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	42,807	D	\$ 11.83	4,445,109	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	31,193	D	\$ 11.84	4,413,916	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008	S	2,600	D	\$ 11.85	4,411,316	I	See footnote

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Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	12,240	D	\$ 11.95	4,399,076	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	106,366	D	\$ 12	4,292,710	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	20,734	D	\$ 12.01	4,271,976	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	6,600	D	\$ 12.02	4,265,376	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	4,300	D	\$ 12.03	4,261,076	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	1,000	D	\$ 12.04	4,260,076	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	3,900	D	\$ 12.05	4,256,176	I	See footnote (1)
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S	2,000	D	\$ 12.06	4,254,176	I	See footnote (1)

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 (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 (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATES JOHN C 640 LAVOY ROAD ERIE, MI 48133	X			

## Signatures

John C. Bates	12/22/2008
**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) Through control of Heidtman Steel Products, Inc., which holds these shares. Mr. Bates disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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