

Hoerner John E.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

Â Hoerner John E.  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
09/01/2011

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY,Â 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200

(Street)

MONTEREY,Â CAÂ 93940

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
VP of N. American Operations

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 Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 25,000 <sup>(1)</sup>                                 | D  | Â   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Hoerner John E.<br>CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY<br>2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200<br>MONTEREY, CA 93940 | Â             | Â         | Â VP of N. American Operations | Â     |

## Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for John E. Hoerner  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

09/12/2011  
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 Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Initial grant of common stock granted to the Reporting Person on September 1, 2011 upon becoming the Issuer's Vice President of North American Operations pursuant to a Rule 16b-3(d) plan. The shares of common stock will vest in the ordinary course as follows: 5,000 on February 28, 2012; 10,000 on February 28, 2013 and 10,000 on February 28, 2014.
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