

Della Ratta Ralph M Jr
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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 *
 Della Ratta Ralph M Jr

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC., 5096 RICHMOND RD.

(Street)

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/03/2012

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(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)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	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)	8. Price of Underlying Securities

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr. 3)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 5)	(Instr. 6)	(Instr. 7)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 9)	(Instr. 10)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Restricted Share Units	(1)	01/03/2012	A		1,800		(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,800		\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Della Ratta Ralph M Jr C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 5096 RICHMOND RD. BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146	X			

Signatures

/s/ Gretchen A. Sterling, as
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 01/05/2012

**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).
- (1) Each restricted share unit represents the right to receive one share of Olympic Steel, Inc. common stock.
- (2) The restricted share units generally vest January 1, 2013, subject to earlier vesting in certain circumstances set forth in the award agreement, but will not be delivered to the reporting person until the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors.

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