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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 \*  
 Lair Michelle

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

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

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & Treasurer

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/31/2010		F		342 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 15.53 <sub>(1)</sub>
Common Stock	01/01/2011		F		6,311 <sub>(3)</sub>	D	\$ 15.53 <sub>(3)</sub>
Common Stock						I	352.5075 <sup>(5)</sup> 401(k)

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. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lair Michelle CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			VP & Treasurer	

## Signatures

Jesse E. Gary, Attorney-in-Fact for  
Michelle Lair 01/04/2011

\_\_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) Reports shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the vesting of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2008-2010 Performance Share Program to satisfy tax obligations at a net settlement price equal to the closing price on Nasdaq on December 31, 2010, the vesting date.
- (2) Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2009-2011 and 2010-2012 Performance Share Programs under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012, respectively.
- (3) Reports shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the vesting of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person pursuant to the Issuer's 2009-2011 Performance Share Program to satisfy tax obligations at a net settlement price equal to the closing price on Nasdaq on December 31, 2010, the closest trading day preceeding the vesting date as the vesting day, January 1, 2011, occurred on a day

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the markets were not open for trading.

- (4) Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2010-2012 Performance Share Program under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest in the ordinary course on December 31, 2012.
- (5) As reported by 401(k) plan trustee on December 31, 2010.

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