

THOMPSON JACK EDWARD
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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 *
THOMPSON JACK EDWARD

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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
05/28/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)
MONTEREY, CA 93940

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/28/2009 | | A | (A) or (D) V Amount Price 13,833 (1) A (1) 18,380 (2) | D | | |

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)

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| 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 Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THOMPSON JACK EDWARD CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940 | X | | | |

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Jack E. Thompson 06/01/2009

**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) Reports annual grant to continuing directors of service based performance shares, granted to the Reporting Person on May 28, 2009 ("Grant Date") pursuant to a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vests in full on the one year anniversary of the Grant Date or upon the earlier to occur of (i) the date of the next regular meeting of the Company's stockholders, (ii) a change-in-control of the Company, (iii) the Reporting Person's termination of service as a member of the Company's Board of Directors due to expiration of the Reporting Person's term of service, death, or disability, or (iv) upon reaching age 65 while serving as a member of the Company's Board of Directors.
 - (2) Includes the unvested portion of the June 25, 2008 annual grant of service based performance shares all of which vest in the ordinary course on the one year anniversary of the grant date (June 25, 2009).

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