#### BALKCOM JOHN E

Form 4

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# FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BALKCOM JOHN E			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Aleris International, Inc. [ARS]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	( un applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
25825 SCIENCE PARK			12/19/2006	Officer (give titleX Other (specify		
DRIVE, SUITE 400				below) below) Former Director		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State) (Z	(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)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(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, par value \$0.10 per share	12/19/2006		Code V  U	Amount 3,234	` ′	Price \$ 52.5	0	D			
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	12/19/2006		U	4,067	D	\$ 52.5	0	I	By Spouse		
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	12/19/2006		U	1,500	D	\$ 52.5	0	I	KEOGH Account		

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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 orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.21	12/19/2006		U	8,000	06/12/2004(1)	12/12/2013	Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	8,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12	12/20/2006		U	21,000	11/27/2004(2)	05/27/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	21,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BALKCOM JOHN E 25825 SCIENCE PARK DRIVE SUITE 400 BEACHWOOD, OH 44122

Former Director

## **Signatures**

Christopher R. Clegg (POA) 12/20/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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## **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) This vested option was cancelled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$354,320.00 representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the merger consideration.
- (2) This vested option was cancelled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$850,500.00 representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the merger consideration.

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