

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â Piersall Vicki                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC [SCHN]                                      |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 09/26/2005   |  |
| 3200 NW YEON AVENUE                       |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| PORTLAND,Â ORÂ 97210                      |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | Vice President Corp Controller   |  |

**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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   |  |   |   |
|  |  | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                             |   |   |

|               |       |            |                            |       |         |   |   |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------------------------|-------|---------|---|---|
| Option to Buy | Â (1) | 06/11/2012 | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,700 | \$ 6.7  | D | Â |
| Option to Buy | Â (2) | 06/01/2013 | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 2,772 | \$ 12   | D | Â |
| Option to Buy | Â (3) | 06/01/2014 | Class A<br>Common<br>Stock | 1,350 | \$ 28.1 | D | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Piersall Vicki<br>3200 NW YEON AVENUE<br>PORTLAND, OR 97210 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President Corp Controller | Â     |

## Signatures

Ilene Dobrow Davidson,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/28/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (1) The option was granted for 4,500 shares on 6/11/02 and becomes exercisable for 20% of the shares on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (2) The option was granted for 3,465 shares on 6/1/03 and becomes exercisable for 20% of the shares on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.
- (3) The option was granted for 1,350 shares with a vesting reference date of 6/1/04 and becomes exercisable for 20% of the shares on each of the first five anniversaries of the vesting reference date.

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