

FREELAND RICHARD J
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FORM 4

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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 *
FREELAND RICHARD J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7100 WEST JEFFERSON BLVD.

(Street)

FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

STEEL DYNAMICS INC [STLD]

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

04/13/2012

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) 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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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| Derivative Security | Code | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|----------------------|------|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | V | (A) (D) | | | | |
| Deferred Stock Units | \$ 0 | 04/13/2012 | 04/13/2012 | A | 38 <u>(1)</u> | 06/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 06/01/2012 ⁽¹⁾ Common Stock 38 ⁽¹⁾ |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FREELAND RICHARD J 7100 WEST JEFFERSON BLVD. FORT WAYNE, IN 46804 | | X | | |

Signatures

Richard J. Freeland 04/18/2012

**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) Represents the number of additional deferred stock units (DSUs) resulting from a deemed dividend equivalent payment credited to the reporting person's account in connection with his retainer as a director under the Steel Dynamics, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. The number of additional DSUs has been calculated by dividing the dividend equivalent dollar amount by the market price of the company's common stock at the close of business on the day prior to the applicable payment date (\$14.17).

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