

Potash Esther
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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 *
Potash Esther

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC., 5096 RICHMOND RD.

(Street)

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/02/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X 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) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative | 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 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr. 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------------|------|---|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Restricted Share Units | <u>(1)</u> | 03/02/2012 | A | 829 | | | | | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 829 | \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Potash Esther C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 5096 RICHMOND RD. BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146 | | | Chief Information Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Gretchen A. Sterling, as
Attorney-in-Fact
03/06/2012
Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each restricted share unit ("RSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Olympic Steel, Inc. common stock.

The RSUs were acquired in connection with Olympic Steel's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, will vest once the Reporting

(2) Person has participated in the Plan for five years, and will be settled upon the earlier of age 62 or departure from Issuer (or earlier in limited circumstances specified in the award agreement).

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