CENTURY ALUMINUM CO

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BLESS MICHAEL A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Last) (First) [CENX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Month/Day/Year)

12/16/2009

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify Exec. VP and CFO

(Check all applicable)

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MONTEREY, CA 93940

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 7. Nature of Indirect Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)

(A) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Amount (D)

Code V \$

Common 12/16/2009 S 15,462 D 14.39 Stock (1)

83,718 (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)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BLESS MICHAEL A CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			Exec. VP and CFO				

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael A. 12/17/2009 **Bless**

> **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 average sale price of 15,462 shares in two separate transactions: 15,162 shares at \$14.39 and 300 shares at \$14.40.
- Includes unvested shares of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008-2010 and 2009-2011 Performance Share Program Periods under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest on December 31, 2010 and January 1, 2011 respectively, or earlier, upon the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer and its subsidiaries due to death, disability, termination other than for cause or other reason approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors.

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