

SIMMONS HAROLD C
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
SIMMONS HAROLD C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**THREE LINCOLN CENTRE, 5430
LBJ FREEWAY STE 1700**

(Street)
DALLAS, TX 75240-2697

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NL INDUSTRIES INC [NL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2005

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)
Chairman of the Board & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/31/2005		M	2,000 A \$ 5.8125	26,800	D	
Common Stock					40,350,931	I	by Valhi (1)
Common Stock					222,100	I	by TFMC (2)
Common Stock					69,475	I	by Spouse (3)

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 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 Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.8125	01/31/2005		M	2,000	02/01/2001 02/01/2005	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMMONS HAROLD C THREE LINCOLN CENTRE 5430 LBJ FREEWAY STE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240-2697	X	X	Chairman of the Board & CEO	

Signatures

A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons
 Signature: _____ Date: 01/31/2005

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) Directly held by Valhi, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in the filing.
- (2) Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company ("TFMC"). See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in the filing.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the the shares of the issuer's common stock that his spouse owns.
- (4) Granted pursuant to the NL Industries, Inc. 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Remarks:

Exhibit Index

Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

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