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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CENTURY ALUMINUM CO [CENX] Hoerner John E. (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **CENTURY ALUMINUM** (Check all applicable) COMPANY, Â 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 10% Owner Director 200 _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group VP of N. American Operations Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person MONTEREY, CAÂ 93940 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock $25,000^{(1)}$ D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
, ,	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hoerner John E. CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940	Â	Â	VP of N. American Operations	Â	

Signatures

William J. Leatherberry, Attorney-in-Fact for John E. Hoerner 09/12/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).

Initial grant of common stock granted to the Reporting Person on September 1, 2011 upon becoming the Issuer's Vice President of North

(1) American Operations pursuant to a Rule 16b-3(d) plan. The shares of common stock will vest in the ordinary course as follows: 5,000 on February 28, 2012; 10,000 on February 28, 2013 and 10,000 on February 28, 2014.

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