CENTURY ALUMINUM CO

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Berntzen Jarl

(Last)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO

[CENX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2006

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

2511 GARDEN ROAD, BUILDING

(State)

(First)

A, SUITE 200

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

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

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

Issuer

below)

MONTEREY, CA 93940

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	Securit Or Acquir Or Disp (D) (Instr. and 5)	ed (A) osed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code '	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to	\$ 34.78	03/08/2006		A	10,00	0	<u>(1)</u>	03/08/2016	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Berntzen Jarl 2511 GARDEN ROAD BUILDING A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940	X					

Signatures

by Gerald J. Kitchen, as
Attorney-in-Fact
03/09/2006

**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) 3/8/06 grant of non-employee director stock options. Options vest and become exercisable in three equal installments on each of (i) the date of grant, (ii) the first anniversary of the date of grant, and (iii) the second anniversary of the date of grant.

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