

SIMMONS HAROLD C  
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**FORM 4**

**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)  
 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700  
  
 (Street)  
 DALLAS, TX 75240  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VALHI INC /DE/ [VHI]**  
  
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2012**  
  
 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  
  
 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (D) Price  |  |   |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 200 A \$ 14.64  | 1,370,879  | D   |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 100 A \$ 14.6999  | 1,370,979  | D   |
| Common stock,                            | 05/18/2012                           |  | P                              |   | 100 A \$ 14.71  | 1,371,079  | D   |

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|--|------------|---|-------|---|------------|-------------|---|----------------------|
| \$0.01 par value per share               |            |   |       |   |            |             |   |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 2,000 | A | \$ 14.75   | 1,373,079   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 107   | A | \$ 14.76   | 1,373,186   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 199   | A | \$ 14.79   | 1,373,385   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 1,294 | A | \$ 14.8    | 1,374,679   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 500   | A | \$ 14.8499 | 1,375,179   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 05/18/2012 | P | 1,500 | A | \$ 14.85   | 1,376,679   | D |                      |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share |            |   |       |   |            | 818,514     | I | By spouse <u>(1)</u> |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share |            |   |       |   |            | 314,033,148 | I | by VHC <u>(2)</u>    |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par                 |            |   |       |   |            | 6,367,017   | I | by TFMC <u>(3)</u>   |

value per share

Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

1,100,541

I

by CDCT  
(4)

Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

77,745

I

by Contran  
(5)

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 Acquired (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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| SIMMONS HAROLD C<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board |       |

## Signatures

A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C.  
Simmons

05/18/2012

\_\_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) Directly held by the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of the issuer's common stock that his spouse holds.
- (2) Directly held by Valhi Holding Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.
- (3) Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.
- (4) Directly held by the Contran Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Trust. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.
- (5) Directly held by Contran Corporation. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.

### Remarks:

Amount of securities owned reported in Column 5 also reflect a 3-for-1 stock split paid by the issuer in the form of a dividend

### Exhibit Index:

Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

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