

RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**GIMBEL THOMAS W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO [RS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/17/2008**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**PO BOX 50270**

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**PASADENA, CA 91115**

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M		15,000	A	\$ 15.62
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S		2,900	D	\$ 24.5
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S		300	D	\$ 24.51
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S		1,200	D	\$ 24.52
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S		1,400	D	\$ 24.53

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Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	1,317	D	\$ 24.54	645,619	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.55	645,519	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	545	D	\$ 24.55	644,974	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	250	D	\$ 24.57	644,724	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	600	D	\$ 24.58	644,124	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.59	644,024	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	500	D	\$ 24.61	643,524	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	400	D	\$ 24.62	643,124	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	200	D	\$ 24.63	642,924	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	400	D	\$ 24.63	642,524	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	500	D	\$ 24.64	642,024	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	167	D	\$ 24.64	641,857	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	21	D	\$ 24.65	641,836	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	800	D	\$ 24.66	641,036	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.66	640,936	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.68	640,836	D
Common Stock	12/17/2008	S	100	D	\$ 24.69	640,736	D

Common Stock						8,396,180	I
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Held as  
Trustee of  
Florence  
A. Neilan  
Trust  
dated  
August 1,  
2006

Common Stock	21,200	I	Held as Trustee of trusts for benefit of minor children
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Options to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 15.62	12/17/2008		M	15,000	01/20/2008	01/20/2009	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GIMBEL THOMAS W PO BOX 50270 PASADENA, CA 91115	X	X		

## Signatures

Thomas W. Gimbel by Kay Rustand as his  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/18/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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