

WOLFORT DAVID A
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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 *
WOLFORT DAVID A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC., 5096 RICHMOND RD.

(Street)

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/11/2013

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)

President and COO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Instr.) | | | | | | |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|----------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 03/11/2013 | I | | 3,000 | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 3,000 | \$ 22.2 (3) |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(1)</u> | 03/12/2013 | I | | 7,000 | | <u>(2)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 7,000 | \$ 22.5 (4) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WOLFORT DAVID A C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 5096 RICHMOND RD. BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146 | X | | President and COO | |

Signatures

/s/ Gretchen A. Sterling, as
Attorney-in-Fact
03/13/2013

__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) Each share of Phantom Stock is the economic equivalent of one share of Olympic Steel, Inc. common stock.
These shares of Phantom Stock were acquired in connection with Olympic Steel's Executive Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan").
- (2) This security will be settled on October 15, 2020 (the date selected by the Reporting Person), or earlier upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Plan.
Price reflects the weighted average price for multiple transactions that ranged from \$22.1300 to \$22.3700 per share. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
- (3) Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
Price reflects the weighted average price for multiple transactions that ranged from \$22.3100 to \$22.6800 per share. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
- (4) Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Commission Staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.

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