

BATES JOHN C  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
BATES JOHN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STEEL DYNAMICS INC [STLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
640 LAVOY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/01/2012

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

ERIE, MI 48133  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
Common Stock	06/01/2012		M	(A) or (D) 5,419 (1) A \$ 0	39,437	D	
Common Stock					450,000	I	See footnote (2)

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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Deferred Stock Units	\$ 0	06/01/2012		M	5,419 <sup>(3)</sup>	06/01/2012 06/01/2012	Common Stock
Deferred Stock Units <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	06/01/2012	06/01/2012	A	8,539	06/01/2017 <sup>(5)</sup> 06/01/2017 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock <sup>(6)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATES JOHN C 640 LAVOY ROAD ERIE, MI 48133	X			

## Signatures

John C. Bates                      06/05/2012  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Represents shares of common stock acquired upon conversion of a like number of deferred stock units, at the end of reporting person's elective deferral period, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Through control of Heidtman Steel Products, Inc., which holds these shares. Mr. Bates disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Totals shown include the originally issued DSUs plus the cumulative additional DSUs issued in respect of deemed dividend distributions on the DSUs following each dividend date.
- (4) Pursuant to registrant's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, in respect to the reporting person's continuing service as a non-employee director and as a portion of his annual retainer, the reporting person on June 1 was granted an exempt award of Deferred Stock Units ("DSUs"). The number of DSUs granted was determined by dividing \$90,000 by the closing price of registrant's common stock on the day preceding the grant date.
- (5) The reporting person, by prior election, chose to receive his common stock, when converted from DSUs, at the expiration of five years following the grant date.
- (6) Each whole DSU represents registrant's unsecured and unfunded obligation, upon the expiration of the reporting person's deferral period election, to convert and issue to the reporting person one share of registrant's common stock for each DSU. The DSUs are 100% vested

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on the grant date.

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