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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Leatherberry William J Issuer Symbol CENTURY ALUMINUM CO (Check all applicable) [CENX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) **CENTURY ALUMINUM** 12/16/2009 Sr. VP & General Counsel COMPANY, 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MONTEREY, CA 93940 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 12/16/2009 S 43,850 (1) D 1,755

14 25 Stock

Common 401(k) 187.2748 (2) Stock Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Leatherberry William J CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY 2511 GARDEN ROAD, BLDG. A, SUITE 200 MONTEREY, CA 93940			Sr. VP & General Counsel				

Signatures

William J.

Leatherberry 12/17/2009 Date

**Signature of Reporting

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Includes 10,000 unvested performance share units granted to the Reporting Person on April 2, 2009 which vest on January 1, 2010 and unvested performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in connection with the Issuer's 2008-2010 and 2009-2011 Performance

- (1) Share Program Periods under a Rule 16b-3(d) plan, all of which vest on December 31, 2010 and January 1, 2011 respectively, or earlier, upon the Reporting Person's termination of employment with the Issuer and its subsidiaries due to death, disability, termination other than for cause or other reason approved by the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors.
- (2) Reported by 401(k) plan trustee on December 15, 2009.

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