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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Potash Esther

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC., 5096

03/02/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

Chief Information Officer

below)

below)

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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

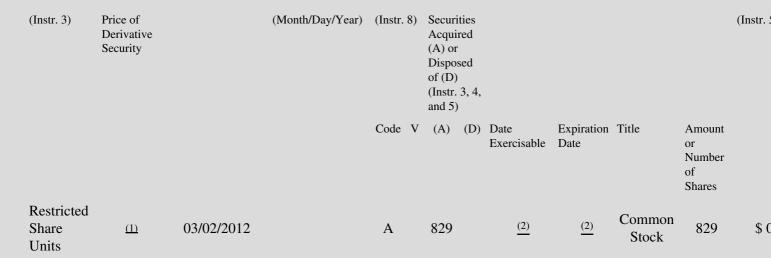
(Month/Day/Year)

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Deriva Security or Exercise any Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Securit

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Potash Esther C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 5096 RICHMOND RD. BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

Chief Information Officer

Signatures

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

03/06/2012

**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) Each restricted share unit ("RSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Olympic Steel, Inc. common stock.

The RSUs were acquired in connection with Olympic Steel's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, will vest once the Reporting (2) Person has participated in the Plan for five years, and will be settled upon the earlier of age 62 or departure from Issuer (or earlier in

(2) Person has participated in the Plan for five years, and will be settled upon the earlier of age 62 or departure from Issuer (or earlier in limited circumstances specified in the award agreement).

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