

Steel Excel Inc.  
Form 4  
October 31, 2011

**FORM 4**

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPH Group Holdings LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O STEEL PARTNERS  
HOLDINGS L.P., 590 MADISON  
AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
Steel Excel Inc. [ADPTD.PK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/27/2011		P		102,883	A	\$ 25.54
							4,206,050
							D <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/28/2011		P		32,800	A	\$ 25.78
							4,238,850
							D <sup>(2)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 10)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPH Group Holdings LLC C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
Steel Partners LLC C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		
LICHTENSTEIN WARREN G C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X	X	President of Subsidiary	
SPH Group LLC C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022		X		

## Signatures

By: Steel Partners Holdings L.P., By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., General Partner, By: /s/ Sanford Antignas as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chief Executive Officer	10/31/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: SPH Group Holdings LLC, By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., Manager, By: /s/ Sanford Antignas as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chief Executive Officer	10/31/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: Steel Partners LLC, By: /s/ Sanford Antignas as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chief Executive Officer	10/31/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: /s/ Sanford Antignas, as Attorney In Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein	10/31/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
By: SPH Group LLC, By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., Managing Member, By: /s/ Sanford Antignas as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein, Chief Executive Officer	10/31/2011
__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).
- This Form 4 is filed jointly by Steel Partners Holdings L.P. ("Steel Holdings"), SPH Group LLC ("SPHG"), SPH Group Holdings LLC (1) ("SPHG Holdings"), Steel Partners LLC ("Partners LLC") and Warren G. Lichtenstein. Steel Holdings, SPHG, Partners LLC and Mr. Lichtenstein may be deemed to be 10% owners of the Issuer and SPHG Holdings is a 10% owner of the Issuer.
- Shares owned directly by SPHG Holdings, and owned indirectly by SPHG by virtue of it being the sole member of SPHG Holdings, by Steel Holdings by virtue of its ownership of 99% of the membership interests of SPHG, by Partners LLC by virtue of it being the (2) manager of Steel Holdings and by Mr. Lichtenstein by virtue of his position as the manager of Partners LLC. SPHG, Steel Holdings, Partners LLC and Mr. Lichtenstein disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares owned by SPHG Holdings except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

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