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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549						3235-0287		
Check this if no longe subject to Section 16 Form 4 or Form 5	er STATEMENT (6.	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF				January 31, 2005 Iverage rs per 0.5		
obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).								
(Print or Type R	Responses)							
	ddress of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RICHARD A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or T Symbol OLYMPIC STEEL INC [Z	C	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction		(Chee)	k an applicable)		
C/O OLYM RICHMONI	PIC STEEL, INC., 5096 O RD.	(Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2012		Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) See General Remarks				
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person 				
BEDFORD	BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Set	ecurities Acc	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	any	ion Date, if Transaction(A) or Disp Code (Instr. 3, 4 /Day/Year) (Instr. 8)	(A)(D) Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	03/06/2012	P 1,000	A ^{\$} 22.99	6,697	D			
Common Stock				1,565	I	Held by personal IRA		
Common Stock				510	Ι	Held by spouse's IRA		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration E (Month/Day	Date	7. Title and a Underlying s (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Share Units	(1)	03/02/2012		А	1,658	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,658	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
MANSON RICHARD A C/O OLYMPIC STEEL, INC. 5096 RICHMOND RD. BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146			See General Remarks		
Signatures					
/s/ Gretchen A. Sterling, as Attorney-in-Fact		03/06/2	012		

**Signature of 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).

Date

- (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 limited circumstances specified in the award agreement).

Remarks:

Vice President of Human Resources and Administration

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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