

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SIMMONS HAROLD C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700 (Street) DALLAS TX 75240 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NL INDUSTRIES INC [NL]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board and CEO
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2010	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock \$0.125 par value	12/14/2010		J ⁽¹⁾		39	A	\$11.2899	39	I	by Kronos ⁽²⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value	12/14/2010		J ⁽¹⁾		961	A	\$11.29	1,000	I	by Kronos ⁽²⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value	12/14/2010		J ⁽¹⁾		1,000	A	\$11.3	2,000	I	by Kronos ⁽²⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value								40,387,531	I	by Valhi ⁽³⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value								222,100	I	by TFMC ⁽⁴⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value								1,007,145	D	
Common stock \$0.125 par value								292,225	I	by Spouse ⁽⁵⁾

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[SIMMONS HAROLD C](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[CONTRAN CORP](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[DIXIE RICE AGRICULTURE CORP INC](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[VALHI HOLDING CO](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

[VALHI INC /DE/](#)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street)

DALLAS TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
KRONOS WORLDWIDE INC		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700		
(Street)		
DALLAS	TX	75240
(City) (State) (Zip)		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
TITANIUM METALS CORP		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700		
(Street)		
DALLAS	TX	75240
(City) (State) (Zip)		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		
TIMET FINANCE MANAGEMENT CO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700		
(Street)		
DALLAS	TX	75240
(City) (State) (Zip)		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Open market purchase by Kronos Worldwide, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship among the persons joining in this filing.
2. Directly held by Kronos Worldwide, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship among the persons joining in this filing.
3. Directly held by Valhi, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.
4. Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.
5. Directly held by the reporting person's spouse. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of the issuer's common stock that his spouse holds.

Remarks:

Exhibit Index Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

[A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Contran Corporation](#) 12/16/2010
[A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons](#) 12/16/2010
[A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc.](#) 12/16/2010
[A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Valhi Holding Company](#) 12/16/2010
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[A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Kronos Worldwide, Inc.](#) 12/16/2010
[A. Andrew R. Louis, Assistant Secretary, for Titanium Metals Corporation](#) 12/16/2010
[Gregory M. Swalwell, Vice President, for TIMET Finance Management Company](#) 12/16/2010

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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Exhibit 99 Additional Information

Valhi, Inc. ("Valhi"), Harold C. Simmons, Annette C. Simmons, TIMET Finance Management Company ("TFMC") and Kronos Worldwide, Inc. ("Kronos") are the direct holders of approximately 83.0%, 2.1%, 0.6%, 0.5% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of common stock of the issuer, NL Industries, Inc. ("NL"). Titanium Metals Corporation ("TIMET") is the sole stockholder of TFMC.

Valhi, NL, Harold C. Simmons, TFMC, Annette C. Simmons and Contran Corporation ("Contran") are the direct holders of approximately 50.0%, 30.4%, 0.4%, 0.1%, 0.1% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of common stock of Kronos.

Valhi Holding Company ("VHC"), Annette C. Simmons, The Combined Master Retirement Trust (the "CMRT"), Harold C. Simmons, Kronos, NL, Valhi, Contran, the Harold Simmons Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") and The Annette Simmons Grandchildren's Trust (the "Grandchildren's Trust") are the holders of approximately 24.9%, 12.1%, 8.6%, 3.1%, 1.4% 0.8%, 0.5%, 0.4%, less than 0.1% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of common stock of TIMET. NL's percentage ownership of TIMET common stock includes 0.3% directly held by a subsidiary of NL.

VHC, TFMC, the Foundation, the Contran Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Trust (the "CDCT"), Harold C. Simmons, Annette C. Simmons, the CMRT, the Grandchildren's Trust and Contran are the direct holders of 92.3%, 1.3%, 0.9%, 0.3%, 0.3%, 0.2%, 0.1%, less than 0.1% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of the common stock of Valhi. Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc. ("Dixie Rice") is the direct holder of 100% the outstanding common stock of VHC. Contran is the holder of 100% of the outstanding common stock of Dixie Rice.

Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons (the "Trusts"), of which Mr. Simmons is the sole trustee, or is held by Mr. Simmons or persons or entities related to Mr. Simmons. As

sole trustee of the Trusts, Mr. Simmons has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the shares of Contran stock held by the Trusts. Mr. Simmons, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of Contran stock that the Trusts hold.

The Foundation directly holds less than 0.1% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 0.9% of the outstanding shares of Valhi common stock. The Foundation is a tax-exempt foundation organized for charitable purposes. Harold C. Simmons is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Foundation and may be deemed to control the Foundation.

The CMRT directly holds approximately 8.6% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 0.1% of the outstanding shares of Valhi common stock. Contran sponsors the CMRT to permit the collective investment by master trusts that maintain the assets of certain employee benefit plans Contran and related companies adopt. Harold C. Simmons is the sole trustee of the CMRT and a member of the trust investment committee for the CMRT. Contran's board of directors selects the trustee and members of the trust investment committee for the CMRT. Mr. Simmons is a participant in one or more of the employee benefit plans that invest through the CMRT. He disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held by the CMRT, except to the extent of his individual vested beneficial interest, if any, in the assets held by the CMRT.

The CDCT directly holds approximately 0.3% of the outstanding shares of the common stock of Valhi. U.S. Bank National Association serves as the trustee of the CDCT. Contran established the CDCT as an irrevocable "rabbi trust" to assist Contran in meeting certain deferred compensation obligations that it owes to Harold C. Simmons. If the CDCT assets are insufficient to satisfy such obligations, Contran is obligated to satisfy the balance of such obligations as they come due. Pursuant to the terms of the CDCT, Contran (i) retains the power to vote the shares of the issuer's common stock held directly by the CDCT, (ii) retains dispositive power over such shares and (iii) may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of such shares.

Harold C. Simmons is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of NL and the chairman of the board of each of Kronos, TIMET, Valhi, VHC, Dixie Rice, Southwest and Contran, and chairman of the board and chief

executive officer of NL.

By virtue of the holding of the offices, the stock ownership and his service as trustee, all as described above, (a) Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control the entities described above and (b) Mr. Simmons and certain of such entities may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of shares of NL common stock that Valhi, Kronos and TFMC hold directly. However, Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of NL common stock beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by any of such entities.

NL and a subsidiary of NL directly own 3,604,790 shares and 1,186,200 shares, respectively, of Valhi common stock. Kronos directly owns 62,340 shares of Valhi common stock. As already discussed, Valhi is the direct holder of 83.0% of the outstanding shares of NL common stock and 50% of the outstanding shares of Kronos common stock. Pursuant to Delaware law, Valhi treats the shares of Valhi common stock that NL, its subsidiary and Kronos own directly as treasury stock for voting purposes and for the purposes of this statement are not deemed outstanding.

Annette C. Simmons, Harold C. Simmons' spouse, is the direct owner of 54,856 shares of Kronos common stock, 292,225 shares of NL common stock, 21,825,875 shares of TIMET common stock and 219,796 shares of Valhi common stock. Mr. Simmons may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of such securities. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities that his spouse holds directly.

Mr. Harold C. Simmons is the direct owner of 258,720 share of Kronos common stock, 1,007,145 shares of NL common stock, 5,628,787 shares of TIMET common stock and 343,183 shares of Valhi common stock.

The Grandchildren's Trust of which Harold C. Simmons and his spouse are co-trustees and the beneficiaries are the grandchildren of his spouse, is the direct holder of 15,432 shares of TIMET common stock and 31,800 shares of Valhi common stock. Mr. Simmons, as co-trustee of this trust, has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the shares the trust holds. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares that this trust holds.