# 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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> CONTRAN CORP				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VALHI INC /DE/ [ VHI ]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner										
					3. Da	te of	Earlies	t Trai	nsaction	(Mon	th/Day/Year)	)					А		
(Last) (First) (Middle)					07/22/2008							Officer (give title below)			Other (sp below)				
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700				4. lf /	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
(Street)														,	Form	n filed by One	e Reporti	ng Pers	son
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(City)	(Sta	ate) (Z	Zip)																
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									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	)			(Instr. 4	1)	(Instr. 4)
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share				07/22/2008					<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		700	Α	\$2	4.15	1,	077,743	I		by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share				07/22/2008				<b>J</b> (1)		300	A	\$24	\$24.1496		1,078,043			by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share				07/22/200	08				<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		300	A	\$24	.1592	1,	078,343	I		by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share				07/22/2008				<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		700	A	\$2	4.16	1,0	079,043	I		by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share				07/22/200	08				<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		1,900	A	9	624	1,0	080,943	I		by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share															105	,140,163	I		by VHC <sup>(3)</sup>
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		Execution Date, if any		4. Transa	Transaction of Code (Instr. Derivative		imber vative rities iired r osed ) r. 3, 4	r 6. Date Exer Expiration E (Month/Day)		rcisable and Date	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivati Security (Instr. 5	rivative curity	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	n: ct (D) ndirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code		(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sahle	Expiration Date	Title	or Numb of Share	er					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

### CONTRAN CORP

(Last) (First)

(Middle)

5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700

(Street) DALLAS TX 75240	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
	, ,	ТХ	75240	

1. Name and Addr			
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(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	
5430 LBJ FREE	EWAY, SUITE 170	00	
(Street)			
DALLAS	ТХ	75240	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
	ess of Reporting Pers	on <sup>•</sup> RE CORP INC	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	
5430 LBJ FREH	EWAY, SUITE 170	00	
(Street)			
DALLAS	ТХ	75240	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
1. Name and Addr	ess of Reporting Pers	on <sup>*</sup>	
SIMMONS I	HAROLD C		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	
5430 LBJ FREI	EWAY, SUITE 170	0	
(Street)			
DALLAS	TX	75240	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Open market purchase by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships to the persons joining in this filing.

Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships to the persons joining in this filing.
 Directly held by Valhi Holding Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship among the persons joining in this filing.

#### **Remarks:**

Exhibit Index: Exhibit 99 - Additional Information Harold C. Simmons and Annette C. Simmons own 3,383 and 43,400 shares, respectively, of the common stock of the issuer. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the issuer's common stock that his spouse owns. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.

A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary,<br/>for Contran Corporation07/23/2008A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary,<br/>for Valhi Holding Company07/23/2008A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary<br/>for Dixie Rice Agricultural<br/>Corporation, Inc.07/23/2008A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-<br/>in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons07/23/2008\*\* Signature of Reporting PersonDate

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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Valhi Holding Company ("VHC"), TIMET Finance Management Company ("TFMC"), the Harold Simmons Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") and The Combined Master Retirement Trust (the "CMRT") are the direct holders of 92.5%, 1.0%

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, c

The Foundation directly holds approximately 0.9% of the outstanding Valhi common stock and 0.2% of the outstanding TIMET common stock. The Foundation is a tax-exempt foundation organized for charitable purposes. Harold

The CMRT directly holds approximately 0.1% of the outstanding shares of Valhi common stock and 8.5% of the outstanding TIMET common stock. Contran sponsors the CMRT as a trust to permit the collective investment by mast

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

By virtue of the offices held, the stock ownership and his services as trustee, all as described above, (a) Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control certain of such entities and (b) Mr. Simmons and certain of such entities m

The reporting person understands that NL and a subsidiary of NL directly own 3,522,967 shares and 1,186,200 shares, respectively, of Valhi common stock as of the date of this statement. As already stated, Valhi is the d

Harold C. Simmons' spouse is the direct owner of 21,367,875 shares of TIMET common stock, 269,775 shares of NL common stock and 43,400 shares of Valhi common stock. Mr. Simmons may be deemed to share indirect beneficial

Mr. Harold C. Simmons is the direct owner of 7,175,239 shares of TIMET common stock, 880,600 shares of NL common stock and 3,383 shares of Valhi common stock.

A trust, of which Harold C. Simmons and his spouse are trustees and the beneficiaries are the grandchildren of his spouse, is the direct holder of 36,500 shares of Valhi common stock and 17,432 shares of TIMET common sto