

BATES JOHN C  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BATES JOHN C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
STEEL DYNAMICS INC [STLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
640 LAVOY ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/12/2013

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

ERIE, MI 48133  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 04/12/2013                           |  | A                              | 8,803<br>(1) (2)  | \$ 0 32,655 (3) (4)   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 450,000   | I  | See footnote (6)                  |

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)**

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| 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Deferred Stock Units                       | \$ 0   | 04/12/2013                           | 04/12/2013   | J <sup>(5)</sup>               | 8,739   | 06/01/2017 06/01/2017                                    | Common Stock  | 8,739                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BATES JOHN C<br>640 LAVOY ROAD<br>ERIE, MI 48133 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

John C. Bates                      04/15/2013  
 \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 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).  
 Represents the number of additional shares of common stock underlying deferred stock units (DSUs) issued to the reporting person as a dividend equivalent reinvestment on existing DSUs, in connection with this person's retainer as a director under the Steel Dynamics, Inc. (1) Amended and Restated 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. This transaction is exempt from both the reporting requirements of Section 16(a), including Rule 16a-11, and the provisions of Section 16(b), by virtue of this dividend reinvestment feature and the Company's existing Dividend Reinvestment Plan, as well as being exempt from Section 16(b) independently by virtue of Rule 16b-3(d)(1) and (3).  
 (2) Reportable as directly owned shares of common stock, rather than as a derivative security in Table II, because any and all underlying DSUs are payable, at such time as they are to be settled, solely in common stock. (See Lincoln National Corp. (March 20, 1992) (Q.3).  
 (3) Includes shares resulting from reinvestment of dividends on any underlying DSUs included in this total.  
 (4) Reflects the addition of DSUs previously reported in Table II of Form 4, and hereby moved from Table II to Table I, by virtue of footnote (2).  
 (5) The DSUs previously reported in Table II have now been moved to Table I and reported as directly owned shares of common stock and will be reported as such in the future until the underlying DSUs are settled at the end of their deferral period.  
 (6) Through control of Heidtman Steel Products, Inc., which holds these shares. Mr. Bates disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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