

SIMMONS HAROLD C  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NL INDUSTRIES INC [NL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/16/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chairman of the Board & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common stock \$0.125 par value	05/16/2012		A <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	A	Ⓛ
Common stock \$0.125 par value					40,387,531	I	by Valhi <sup>(2)</sup>
Common stock \$0.125 par value					222,100	I	by TFMC <sup>(3)</sup>

Common stock \$0.125 par value	404,391	I	by Spouse (4)
Common stock \$0.125 par value	2,000	I	by Kronos (5)

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 (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SIMMONS HAROLD C 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240	X	X	Chairman of the Board & CEO	

## Signatures

A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons

05/16/2012

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares issued for no cash consideration to directors under the NL Industries, Inc. 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Directly held by Valhi, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.
- (3) Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Directly held by Kronos Worldwide, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the reporting person.

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