

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)  
11/13/2008

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/13/2008		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,084 A \$ 4.87	18,246	D	
Common Stock					5,610,004	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Employee Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.87	11/13/2008		M <sup>(3)</sup>	3,084	05/21/2004 11/21/2008	Common Stock 3,

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

John C. Bates 11/17/2008

\*\*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) Acquisition of stock pursuant to exercise of option, granted pursuant to Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan approved by stockholders, exempt under Rule 16b-6(b).
- (2) 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.
- (3) Exercise of stock option exempt under Rule 16b-3(e).

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