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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

September 1, 2015

To the Stockholders of Century Aluminum Company:

We cordially invite you to attend our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting this year will be held on September 1, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, at the Westin Michigan Avenue, 909 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois. At the meeting, we will:

1. Hold a vote to elect of Jarl Berntzen, Michael Bless, Andrew Caplan, Errol Glasser, Daniel Goldberg and Terence Wilkinson to our Board of Directors;
2. Hold a vote to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015;
3. Hold an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers; and
4. Transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or at any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

You may vote at the meeting if you owned our common stock at the close of business on July 9, 2015. Please note, there are three ways that you can vote before the meeting - by telephone, by the Internet or by mailing the proxy card.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
Jesse E. Gary
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Chicago, Illinois
July 13, 2015

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

An admission ticket is required to enter Century's 2015 Annual Meeting. If you do not plan to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting, or if you do plan to attend but wish to vote by proxy, please follow the instructions under "How do I vote?" on page 2 of the proxy statement with respect to obtaining an admission ticket and/or voting your shares by telephone, internet or mail.

Proxy Summary

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. For more complete information regarding Century Aluminum Company's 2014 performance, please review our 2014 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and any amendments thereto.

2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Time and Date: 8:30 a.m. Central Time, September 1, 2015

Place: Westin Michigan Avenue, 909 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois

Record Date: July 9, 2015

Voting: Stockholders as of the record date are entitled to vote. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals to be voted on.

Admission: An admission ticket is required to enter Century's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Please follow the instructions under "How do I vote?" on page 2 of the proxy statement.

Voting Proposals	Board Vote Recommendation
Item 1 - Election of Six Director Nominees to Serve a One-Year Term Expiring 2016	FOR each Director Nominee
Item 2 - Ratification of Appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2015	FOR
Item 3 - Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation	FOR

Board Nominees (page 4)

Our Board of Directors (the "Board"), upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, has nominated six directors for election to the Board for a one-year term expiring in 2016. Andrew G. Michelmore, who has served on our Board since 2010, will not stand for re-election at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. As such, his service on our Board will cease at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. We are extremely grateful to him for his years of service and valuable contribution to our company. The Board, led by the Governance and Nominating Committee, is actively seeking a qualified Board member to replace Mr. Michelmore.

The following table provides summary information about each nominee standing for election to the Board:

Name	Age	Director Since	Principal Occupation	Committee Memberships
Jarl Berntzen	48	2006	Senior Director, Corporate Development at Dolby Laboratories, Inc.	A, G, H
Andrew Caplan	45	2012	Head of the Aluminum and Alumina Department at Glencore Plc	
Errol Glasser	61	2014	Partner and co-founder of Triangle Capital LLC	A
Daniel Goldberg	37	2011	Asset and Investment Manager of the Aluminum and Alumina Department of Glencore Plc	C
Terence Wilkinson	69	2011	Chairman of the Board of Century	A, C, G
Michael Bless	49	2012	President and CEO of Century	H

A = Audit, C = Compensation, G = Governance and Nominating, H = Health, Safety and Sustainability

2014 Executive Compensation Highlights

Strong Pay for Performance Alignment

64% of the CEO's 2014 total target compensation (base and incentive compensation) tied to Company performance.

70% of executive incentive cash bonuses tied to Company performance.

75% of CEO long-term incentive awards based on the Company's total shareholder return.

55% of the CEO's 2014 total compensation was paid in stock of the Company.

Key Features of Our Executive Compensation Program

What We Do

We pay for performance

We consider peer groups in establishing compensation

We have robust Company stock ownership guidelines

We have double-trigger equity vesting in the event of a change-in-control

We have clawback policies incorporated into our incentive plans

We pay reasonable salaries and provide appropriate benefits to our senior executives

We have a conservative compensation risk profile

We retain an independent compensation consultant

What We Don't Do

We do not have employment agreements with our officers, all of whom are at-will employees

We do not allow executives to profit from short-term speculative swings in Company stock (i.e., no hedging)

We do not allow for repricing of underwater stock options (including cash-outs)

We do not pay dividend equivalents on stock options and unvested restricted share units

We do not allow share recycling

We do not allow pledging of Company stock

We do not provide excise tax gross ups

Our executive compensation practices are described in greater detail in the "Executive Compensation" section on page 19.

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Proxy Card

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PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

September 1, 2015

Our Board is soliciting proxies for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the “2015 Annual Meeting”) of Century Aluminum Company (“Century” or the “Company”). This proxy statement contains information about the items you will vote on at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Further information and instructions on how to vote online, or in the alternative, request a paper copy of these proxy materials and a proxy card, will be as set forth in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (“Notice”) as described below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

We are pleased to take advantage of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) rules that permit companies to furnish proxy materials to stockholders over the Internet. On or about July 24, 2015, we will begin mailing the Notice. The Notice contains instructions on how to vote online, or in the alternative, request a paper copy of the proxy materials and a proxy card. By furnishing a Notice and access to our proxy materials by the Internet, we are lowering the costs and reducing the environmental impact of the 2015 Annual Meeting. If you received a Notice by mail, you will not receive a paper copy of the proxy materials unless you request such materials by following the instructions contained on the Notice. Your vote is important no matter the extent of your holdings.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. When and where is the 2015 Annual Meeting being held?

A. The 2015 Annual Meeting is being held on September 1, 2015, at 8:30 a.m., Central Time, at the Westin Michigan Avenue, 909 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

If you plan to attend the meeting, you will need an admission ticket. To obtain an admission ticket, please write to: Century Aluminum Company, 1 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attention: Admission Ticket or email admissionticket@centuryaluminum.com.

Q. Who is entitled to vote and how many votes do I have?

A. You may vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting if you owned shares of our common stock at the close of business on July 9, 2015. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held.

Q. How many shares are available to vote in the Annual Meeting?

A. On July 9, 2015, the record date for the 2015 Annual Meeting, there were 86,900,952 shares of Century common stock outstanding.

Q. What constitutes a quorum for the meeting?

A. The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Century's common stock will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Only shares of Century common stock that are present at the 2015 Annual Meeting, either in person or represented by proxy (including shares that the holder abstains from voting or does not vote with respect to one or more of the matters present for stockholder approval), will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists at the meeting.

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Q. How do I vote?

A. There are four ways that you can vote your shares:

Internet. The website for voting is <http://www.ProxyVote.com>. To vote on the Internet, please follow the instructions provided in the Notice and have the Notice available when accessing the Internet. The voting system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 31, 2015.

Telephone. If you are located in the United States or Canada, you can vote your shares by calling 1-800-690-6903. This is a toll-free number available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, August 31, 2015. Please have your Notice available and follow the voice prompts to vote your shares.

Mail. To vote by mail, please follow the instructions on your Notice to request a paper copy of the proxy card and proxy materials, mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope provided with the proxy materials. If you mail your proxy card, we must receive it before 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Friday, August 28, 2015.

In Person. If you are the stockholder of record, you may vote by attending the 2015 Annual Meeting on Monday, September 1, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., Central Time, at the Westin Michigan Avenue, 909 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois. If your shares are held in "street name," please include with your request a copy of the legal proxy from your bank, broker or other holder of record that authorizes you to vote the shares that the record holder holds for you in its name. Please contact your bank or broker for information on obtaining a legal proxy if your shares are held in "street name."

If you plan to attend the meeting, you will need an admission ticket. To obtain an admission ticket, please write to: Century Aluminum Company, 1 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attention: Admission Ticket or email admissionticket@centuryaluminum.com.

Q. What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

A. Most of our stockholders hold their shares through a stock broker, bank or other nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some differences between shares held of record and those owned beneficially.

Stockholder of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Computershare Investor Services LLC, you are considered the stockholder of record of those shares. As the stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Beneficial Owner. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name." The Notice is being forwarded to you by your broker or nominee, who is considered to be the stockholder of record for those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee on how to vote. Your broker or nominee has enclosed a voting instruction card for you to use in directing your broker or nominee as to how to vote your shares. As a beneficial holder, you are invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting; however, because you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the 2015 Annual Meeting unless you obtain a signed proxy from the record holder giving you the right to vote the shares.

Q. How do I vote my shares that are held in a Century 401(k) plan?

A. If you participate in one of Century's 401(k) plans, you must provide the trustee of the 401(k) plan with your voting instructions in advance of the meeting. You may do this by returning your voting instructions by mail, or submitting them by telephone or the Internet. You cannot vote shares held in a Century 401(k) plan in person at the 2015 Annual Meeting; only the plan trustee can directly vote your shares. The trustee will vote your shares as you have instructed. If the trustee does not receive your instructions, your shares generally will be voted in proportion to the way the other plan participants voted. To allow sufficient time for voting by the trustee, your voting instructions must be received before Monday August 31, 2015.

Q. May I change my vote?

A. Yes. If you are the stockholder of record, you may revoke a proxy or change your voting instructions by:

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delivering a written notice of revocation or later-dated proxy to our Secretary at or before the taking of the vote at the 2015 Annual Meeting;
changing your vote instructions via the Internet up to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 28, 2015 (the Friday before the 2015 Annual Meeting);
changing your vote instructions via the telephone up to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on August 31, 2015; or
voting in person at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

If you hold your shares in one of Century's 401(k) plans, notify the plan trustee in writing prior to August 28, 2015, that your voting instructions are revoked or should be changed.

If your shares are held in "street name," you must follow the specific instructions provided to you to change or revoke any instructions that you may have already provided to your bank, broker or other nominee.

Q. What are the voting requirements to elect the directors and to approve each of the proposals discussed in this proxy statement?

A. Directors are elected by a plurality of votes, which means that the nominees that receive the highest number of votes will be elected as directors, even if the nominees do not receive a majority of the votes cast. Proposals No. 2 (ratification of independent registered public accounting firm) and No. 3 (advisory vote on executive compensation) require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes represented at the meeting.

Your shares will be voted in accordance with your instructions. Abstentions will be treated as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum for a matter, but will not be counted as a vote in favor of such matter. Accordingly, an abstention from voting on a matter will not be counted for the purposes of electing directors and will have the same effect as a vote against the other matters.

Q. Why is it important to instruct my broker how to vote?

A. Under SEC rules, if you own shares in "street name" through a broker and do not instruct your broker how to vote, your broker may not vote your shares on proposals determined to be "non-routine." Of the proposals included in this proxy statement, only the proposal to ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 is considered to be "routine." The other proposals are considered to be "non-routine" matters. Therefore, if you do not provide your bank, broker or other nominee holding your shares in "street name" with voting instructions, those shares will count for quorum purposes, but will not be counted as shares present and entitled to vote on the election of directors or the advisory vote on executive compensation. Therefore, it is important that you provide voting instructions to your broker.

Q. What is "householding"?

A. In addition to furnishing proxy materials over the Internet, the Company takes advantage of the SEC's "householding" rules to reduce the delivery cost of materials. Under such rules, only one Notice or, if paper copies are requested, only one Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Form 10-K are delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless the Company has received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. If a stockholder sharing an address wishes to receive a separate Notice or copy of the proxy materials, he or she may so request by contacting Broadridge Householding Department by phone at 1-800-542-1061 or by mail to Broadridge Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717. A separate copy will be promptly provided following receipt of a stockholder's request, and such stockholder will receive separate materials in the future. Any stockholder currently sharing an address with another stockholder but nonetheless receiving separate copies of the materials may request delivery of a single copy in the future by contacting Broadridge Householding Department at the number or address shown above.

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The Board, upon the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, has nominated the following directors to stand for election to the Board for a one-year term: JARL BERNTZEN, MICHAEL BLESS, ANDREW CAPLAN, ERROL GLASSER, DANIEL GOLDBERG and TERENCE WILKINSON. Each of these nominees has indicated his willingness to serve if elected and the Board of Directors has no reason to believe that he will not be available to serve.

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications set out by the Board of Directors, each of these nominees brings strong and unique backgrounds and skills to the Board, giving the Board, as a whole, competence and experience in a wide variety of areas, including board service, corporate governance, compensation, executive management, finance, metals and mining, operations, manufacturing, marketing, government, international business and health, safety, environmental and social responsibility.

Set forth below is background information for each nominee (as of the date of this proxy statement), including the qualifications, attributes or skills that led the Board to conclude that such person should be nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF MESSRS. BERNTZEN, BLESS, CAPLAN, GLASSER, GOLDBERG AND WILKINSON TO THE BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING IN 2016.

DIRECTOR NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO A TERM TO EXPIRE IN 2016

Name	Age	Business Experience and Principal Occupation or Employment During Past 5 Years; Other Directorships	Director Since
Jarl Berntzen	48	<p>Senior Director, Corporate Development at Dolby Laboratories, Inc. since 2011; Director, Corporate Development of Rambus, Inc. from November 2010 to August 2011. Founder, Global Strategic Advisers LLC from March 2009 to October 2010.</p> <p>Mr. Berntzen has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions ("M&A"), financial restructurings and corporate development activities, having served in senior M&A advisory positions at several international investment banks and advisory firms, including more than 10 years with Goldman, Sachs & Co., in addition to ThinkEquity Partners LLC and Barrington Associates. Mr. Berntzen's financial acumen and expertise, investment banking experience and international M&A experience provides insight to the Board when considering Century's growth and development objectives. In addition, as a citizen of Norway, Mr. Berntzen provides international perspective and diversity to the Board. The Board has determined that Mr. Berntzen is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules.</p>	2006
Michael A. Bless	49	<p>Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Century Aluminum Company since December 2012; President and Chief Executive Officer since February 2012; Acting President and Chief Executive Officer from November 2011 to February 2012; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 2006 to October 2011.</p> <p>Mr. Bless was elected to our Board of Directors in December 2012. As the</p>	2012

only management representative on our Board, Mr. Bless provides a unique perspective in Board discussions about the business and strategic direction of the Company. Mr. Bless has an expansive knowledge of the aluminum industry and global financial conditions. Prior to joining Century, Mr. Bless held a number of senior management positions at both public and private companies and investment banks. The Board benefits from his business insights and knowledge of the Company and the markets it serves.

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Name	Age	Business Experience and Principal Occupation or Employment During Past 5 Years; Other Directorships	Director Since
Andrew J. Caplan	45	<p>Head of the Aluminum and Alumina Department of Glencore Plc (together with its subsidiaries, "Glencore") since June 2013; Manager of the Bauxite and Alumina Department of Glencore from 2007 to 2013. Director of the International Aluminum Institute.</p> <p>Mr. Caplan has extensive knowledge of the aluminum and alumina industries through his position as the Head of Glencore's Aluminum and Alumina Department and his many years of experience in the industry. The Board benefits from Mr. Caplan's significant commercial expertise in the alumina and aluminum markets.</p> <p>Partner and co-founder of Triangle Capital LLC since March 2005; Director of Regency Affiliates since 2002; Trustee of the Darrow School since 2007.</p>	2012
Errol Glasser	61	<p>Mr. Glasser adds extensive expertise to the Board of Directors in corporate development activities by virtue of his having served in the financial sector for over 20 years. The Board also benefits from Mr. Glasser's substantial financial, accounting and investment knowledge and from his experiences serving on other boards and audit committees and as an advisor to other public and private companies. Mr. Glasser is a Chartered Accountant (SA) and the Board has determined that he is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules.</p> <p>Asset and Investment Manager of the Aluminum and Alumina Department of Glencore since February 2005.</p>	2015
Daniel Goldberg	37	<p>Mr. Goldberg adds valuable expertise to our Board of Directors in the metals and mining industry by virtue of his experience as Asset and Investment Manager of the Aluminum and Alumina Department at Glencore. Mr. Goldberg provides extensive experience in all stages of aluminum production from alumina to aluminum production and marketing. In addition, as a South African citizen and a resident of Switzerland, Mr. Goldberg provides international perspective and diversity to the Board.</p>	2011
Terence A. Wilkinson	69	<p>Our Chairman of the Board since June 2011; Director of Triland Metals Ltd. since 1998; Senior Independent Director of Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation Plc from May 2012 until October 2013 and Independent Director from September 2011 until October 2013.</p> <p>Mr. Wilkinson has valuable metals and mining experience by virtue of the many leadership positions he has held in the metals and mining industry, including as Chief Executive Officer of Ridge Mining Plc, Chief Executive Officer of the Lonrho Group's South African division and</p>	2011

Director and Chief Operating Officer of Lonmin Plc. In addition, as a dual-citizen of South Africa and the United Kingdom, Mr. Wilkinson provides international perspective and diversity to the Board. The Board has determined that Mr. Wilkinson is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules.

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Our Executive Officers

The following table details certain information about our current executive officers. Information pertaining to Mr. Bless, who is both a director and an executive officer, may be found above under "Directors."

Name	Age	Position and Duration
Michael A. Bless	49	President and Chief Executive Officer since November 2011. Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from January 2006 to October 2011.
Rick T. Dillon	44	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since June 2014.
Jesse E. Gary	35	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary since February 2013. Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary from June 2010 to January 2013.
Michelle M. Harrison	39	Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer since January 2013. Vice President and Treasurer from February 2007 to December 2012.
John E. Hoerner	58	Senior Vice President – North America Operations since March 2014; Vice President – North America Operations from September 2011 to March 2014.

Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison joined Century in 2006 and 2000, respectively. Their respective biographical information is set forth in the table above.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Dillon served as Vice President of Finance - Surface Mining Group of Joy Global Inc. from June 2012 to June 2014 and Vice President, Corporate Controller & Chief Accounting Officer of Joy Global Inc. from November 2009 to June 2012.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Gary practiced law at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz from July 2007 to January 2010.

Prior to joining Century, Mr. Hoerner served as General Director of Finished Production for the Western Division of RUSAL from 2010 to August 2011 and Managing Director of Kubikenborg Aluminium in Sundsvall, Sweden (Kubal) from 2003 through 2010.

Corporate Governance and Other Board Matters

Our Board presently consists of seven directors. As noted above under "Proxy Summary," Andrew G. Michelmore, who has served on our Board since 2010, will not stand for re-election at the 2015 Annual Meeting. As such, his service on our Board will cease at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Our Board, led by the Governance and Nominating Committee, has commenced a search for a qualified director candidate to replace Mr. Michelmore following the 2015 Annual Meeting.

The Board, which is responsible for supervision of the overall business affairs of Century, establishes corporate policies, sets strategic direction and oversees management, which is responsible for Century's day-to-day operations. The Board met five times during 2014. There are no family relationships among any of our directors and executive officers.

Board Leadership Structure

The Board of Directors selects the Chairman of the Board in the manner and upon the criteria that it deems best for the Company at the time of selection. The Board believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders to have Mr. Wilkinson, an independent director, serve as the non-executive Chairman of the Board at this time. The Board of Directors has not adopted a policy regarding whether the roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate or combined, but recognizes the value to the Company of the separation of these positions and having an independent director serve as Chairman. We believe that this structure is appropriate for the Company because it allows our independent Chairman to lead the Board in its fundamental role of governing the

Company and providing advice to management, while also providing for effective independent oversight and allowing our President and Chief Executive Officer to focus on the execution of our business strategy, growth and development. The Board will continue to evaluate whether this leadership structure is in the best interests of our stockholders on a regular basis.

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Board Oversight of Risk Management

The Board is engaged in company-wide risk management oversight. The Board relies upon the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and other executive officers of the Company to supervise day-to-day risk management and to bring material risks to the Board's attention. Each of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel provides reports directly to the Board and certain Board committees, as appropriate. Directors may also from time to time rely on the advice of our outside advisors and auditors provided they have a reasonable basis for such reliance.

The Board of Directors also delegates certain oversight responsibilities to its Board committees. Descriptions of the various Board committees are set forth below. The full Board considers strategic risks and opportunities and regularly receives detailed reports from the committees regarding risk oversight in their areas of responsibility. For example, while the primary responsibility for financial and other reporting, internal controls, compliance with laws and regulations and ethics rests with the management of the Company, the Audit Committee provides risk oversight with respect to the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and corporate policies and controls related to the financial statements, the independent auditor's selection, retention, qualifications, objectivity and independence, and the performance of the Company's internal audit function. The Governance and Nominating Committee considers risks related to director nominations, corporate governance matters, succession planning and oversees the appropriate allocation of responsibility for risk oversight among the committees of the Board. The Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee provides oversight of risks relating to Century's policies and management systems with respect to health, safety and sustainability matters. The Compensation Committee reviews and reports on risks related to our compensation policies and practices.

Board Committees and Meeting Attendance

To assist it in carrying out its duties, the Board has established various standing committees. Each standing committee of the Board and its current members are listed in the table below. The Board will review committee appointments following the 2015 Annual Meeting:

Name	Audit	Compensation	Governance & Nominating	Health, Safety & Sustainability
Jarl Berntzen	X		X*	X
Michael Bless				X*
Errol Glasser	X*			
Daniel Goldberg		X		
Andrew Michelmore		X*	X	X
Terence Wilkinson	X	X	X	

*Committee Chair

The Board designates the members of each committee and the committee chair annually based on the recommendations of the Governance and Nominating Committee. The Board has adopted written charters for each of its committees, which are available in the "Investors" section of our website, www.centuryaluminum.com, under the tab "Corporate Governance." During 2014, each of our directors attended at least 75% of the meetings of the Board and Board committees on which he served.

Independent Directors

The Nasdaq Global Select Market ("NASDAQ") rules require that a majority of the board of directors of listed companies be comprised of independent directors. The Board has determined that, of its current directors, each of Messrs. Berntzen, Glasser, Michelmore and Wilkinson are independent directors under the criteria established by NASDAQ for membership on the Board and that each of these directors is independent under applicable SEC rules and the NASDAQ listing standards for service on the various committees of the Board on which they serve. Our independent directors are scheduled to meet in executive session without the presence of management no fewer than four times each year. Our Chairman leads these sessions. The Independent Directors met five times in 2014. As noted above, Mr. Michelmore will not stand for re-election at the annual meeting. As a result, immediately following the 2015 Annual Meeting, it is contemplated that only three of the six members of the Company's Board

will be independent directors under applicable NASDAQ standards. The Board, led by our Governance and Nominating Committee, is actively seeking a Board member who would qualify as an independent director under applicable NASDAQ standards. The Board expects to appoint a

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new independent director within the cure period allowed by NASDAQ rule 5605(b)(1)(A) for remaining in compliance with NASDAQ rules that a majority of the board of directors be independent.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, among other things:

- Oversees the financial reporting process for which management is responsible;
- Appoints and oversees the engagement of the independent auditors for audit and non-audit services;
- Monitors the qualifications and independence of the independent auditors;
- Reviews and approves all audit and non-audit services and fees;
- Reviews the scope and results of the audit with the independent auditors;
- Reviews the scope and results of internal audit procedures with our internal auditors;
- Evaluates and discusses with the independent auditors and management the adequacy and effectiveness of our system of internal accounting controls and assessment of fraud risk;
- Appoints and oversees the engagement of the Company's internal audit function, including internal audit plan and results;
- Reviews current and pending material litigation with management;
- Conducts or directs investigations of any allegations of material violations of securities laws, fiduciary duties or similar allegations;
- Reviews and oversees the Company's risk management assessment and procedures;
- Reviews and approves related party transactions pursuant to our Statement of Company Policy Regarding Related Party Transactions; and
- Makes inquiries into other matters within the scope of its duties.

In 2014, the Audit Committee held five meetings. The Audit Committee also meets with management and our independent auditors at least quarterly to review our financial results prior to the filing of our quarterly and annual reports and related earnings announcements.

The Board has determined that all current members of the Audit Committee are independent under the criteria established by NASDAQ and applicable SEC rules and "audit committee financial experts" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee's primary duties and responsibilities include:

- Reviewing, approving and administering the compensation plans and policies of the Company, including pension, savings, incentive and equity-based plans and awards;

Annually reviewing and approving the goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, evaluating the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and determining the Chief Executive Officer's compensation based on such evaluation;

Annually reviewing with the Chief Executive Officer and approving the respective goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the other members of the senior management team, evaluating the performance of the other members of the senior management team with input from the Chief Executive Officer and determining the compensation of the other members of the senior management team based on the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer;

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- Reviewing with the Chief Executive Officer the non-executive management compensation and benefit policies as set by the Chief Executive Officer;
- Reviewing and recommending to the Board the compensation of the Board, including annual retainers, meeting fees, equity awards and other benefits conferred upon the Board;
- Reviewing with the Chief Executive Officer the Company's succession plans relating to the Chief Executive Officer and other members of the senior management team;
- Reviewing and reporting on risks arising from our compensation policies and practices;
- Approving the report on executive compensation, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, included on an annual basis in our annual report and proxy statement; and
- Overseeing all matters relating to shareholder approval of executive compensation, including the frequency of such votes.

The Compensation Committee held five meetings in 2014.

NASDAQ rules require that the Compensation Committee be comprised of at least two members and that each member of the Compensation Committee be independent under applicable NASDAQ standards. The Board has determined that, with the exception of Mr. Goldberg, all current members of the Compensation Committee are independent under the criteria established by NASDAQ and applicable SEC rules. Although Mr. Goldberg was not determined to be "independent," he currently serves on the Compensation Committee pursuant to an exception under NASDAQ rules which allows the Company to have a non-independent compensation committee member in certain circumstances. The Board determined that Mr. Goldberg's membership on the Committee was in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders due to his unique and extensive knowledge of the aluminum industry. Because a member appointed under this exception may not serve longer than two years, Mr. Goldberg will be required to step down as a member of the Compensation Committee in 2016.

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Governance and Nominating Committee's primary duties and responsibilities include:

- Evaluating the size and composition of the Board;
- Assessing risks related to succession planning;
- Identifying, recruiting and recommending candidates for election to the Board and its committees;
- Overseeing corporate governance matters; and
- Reviewing and making periodic recommendations concerning our corporate governance policies and procedures.

In 2014, the Governance and Nominating Committee held four meetings.

The Board has determined that all members of the Governance and Nominating Committee are independent under the criteria established by NASDAQ and the applicable SEC rules.

The Governance and Nominating Committee solicits recommendations for potential Board nominees from a variety of sources, including directors, officers, other individuals with whom the Governance and Nominating Committee members are familiar, through its own research, and third-party research. The Governance and Nominating Committee also considers nominees recommended by stockholders who submit such recommendations in writing to our Corporate Secretary. The qualifications and standards the Governance and Nominating Committee will apply in evaluating any recommendations for nomination to the Board include, but are not limited to:

- significant business or public company experience;
- a willingness and ability to make a sufficient time commitment to Century's affairs to perform effectively the duties of a director, including regular attendance at Board and committee meetings;

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- skills in finance, metals and mining, international business and knowledge about the global aluminum industry;
- personal qualities of leadership, character, judgment and integrity; and
- requirements relating to composition of the Board under applicable law and listing standards.

The Governance and Nominating Committee also strongly considers diversity when evaluating any recommendations for nominations to the Board. The Governance and Nominating Committee takes into consideration each potential nominee's diverse attributes and variety of experiences and viewpoints but does not make decisions to include or exclude a potential nominee solely or largely based on race, ethnicity, gender, national origin or sexual orientation. While the Board has not adopted a formal policy with respect to diversity, the Governance and Nominating Committee believes that diversity is an important aspect in Board composition. In selecting a director nominee, the Governance and Nominating Committee focuses on skills, education, experience and qualities that would complement the existing Board, recognizing our diverse global business structure. Reflecting this diversity, our Board consists of directors who are citizens or residents of five different nations. Our directors come from diverse business backgrounds including financial, industrial, non-profit and governmental.

Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee

The Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee's primary duties and responsibilities include:

- Overseeing the Company's policies and management systems with respect to health, safety and sustainability matters and related practices, assessments, performance, compliance and reporting;
- Reviewing periodic reports from management on operational performance in the areas of health, safety and sustainability;
- Monitoring compliance with regulatory requirements and reviewing any significant non-compliance issues; and
- Reporting on the Committee's findings in the above areas to the Board on a regular basis.

The Health, Safety and Sustainability Committee must meet at least twice a year and provide recommendations to the Board. The committee held five meetings in 2014 and holds regular update calls with Company management between meetings.

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders may communicate with the Board, our independent or non-management directors as a group, or any individual director(s) by sending a written communication in an envelope addressed to the Board or the appropriate director(s) in care of our Corporate Secretary, addressed to: Corporate Secretary, Century Aluminum Company, 1 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and other employees. A copy of the code of ethics is available on our website at www.centuryaluminum.com and a copy will be mailed to any person, without charge, upon written request addressed to: Corporate Secretary, Century Aluminum Company, 1 South Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

We intend to disclose any amendments to or waivers of our code of ethics on behalf of our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer and Controller and persons performing similar functions on our website at www.centuryaluminum.com.

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Director Compensation and Stock Ownership Guidelines

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to each non-employee director in 2014.

Director (a)	Fees Earned or Paid in		Total
	Cash (b)	Stock Awards (c)	
Jarl Berntzen	\$85,250	\$100,341	\$185,591
Andrew Caplan	—	—	—
Errol Glasser	41,500	100,341	141,841
Daniel Goldberg	—	—	—
Peter Jones	37,000	—	37,000
Steven Kalmin	—	—	—
Andrew Michelmore	93,000	100,341	193,341
John O'Brien	41,500	—	41,500
Terence Wilkinson	103,500	100,341	203,841

(a) Represents all non-employee directors who served on the Board during 2014. Messrs. Jones, Kalmin and O'Brien stepped down from the Board immediately following the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Bless did not receive compensation for serving as a Board member.

(b) Represents retainer and meeting fees paid to each non-employee director during 2014 (other than Messrs. Caplan, Goldberg and Kalmin, who waived their right to receive compensation).

(c) Represents the grant date fair value of the September 9, 2014 grant of time based performance units awarded to each non-employee director continuing in office after the Annual Meeting of stockholders (other than Messrs. Caplan and Goldberg who waived their right to receive compensation), calculated in accordance with ASC 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation. Mr. Berntzen elected to defer the settlement of all time-vested performance share units awarded to him in 2014 until his service on the Board terminates.

The following table sets forth the number of outstanding options and stock awards held by each non-employee director who served on our Board in 2014, as of December 31, 2014:

Name (a)	Number of Options	Number of Stock Awards
	Outstanding as of 12/31/2014 (b)	Outstanding as of 12/31/2014 (c)
Jarl Berntzen	16,000	23,577
Andrew Caplan	—	—
Errol Glasser	—	3,495
Daniel Goldberg	—	—
Peter Jones	13,000	—
Steven Kalmin	—	—
Andrew Michelmore	—	8,060
John O'Brien	9,000	—
Terence Wilkinson	—	22,225

(a) Messrs. Jones, Kalmin and O'Brien stepped down from the Board immediately following the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders.

(b) All options were fully vested as of December 31, 2014.

(c) Represents time-vested performance shares held by the named director that have not yet vested or for which settlement has been deferred.

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The Board and the Compensation Committee annually review the adequacy and form of our directors' compensation. Directors who are full-time salaried employees of Century are not compensated for their service on the Board. The Board believes that compensation for independent directors should be a mix of cash and equity-based compensation and for non-employee, non-independent Board members compensation should only be in cash in order to avoid indirectly increasing the beneficial ownership of any stockholder at whose direction a member of our Board serves. For 2014, all of our non-employee, non-independent Board members waived their rights to receive compensation of any kind.

Equity Awards, Meeting Fees and Retainers. In September 2014, on the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, the Board increased the annual grant of time-vested performance share units from a value of \$75,000 to a value of \$80,000 and eliminated the initial one-time grant of 1,000 time-vested performance share units to each newly elected independent director. Each independent director continuing in office after the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders received an annual grant of time-vested performance share units valued at \$80,000. Subject to earlier vesting in the event of a change in control or the director's having attained the age of 65, these time-vested performance share units vest 100% on the one year anniversary of the grant date. The shares were granted on the business day following the 2014 annual meeting based on the average closing price of Century's common stock for the 30 trading days preceding the grant date.

During 2014, non-employee directors (other than our non-employee, non-independent Board members, who waived their rights to receive compensation) were entitled to receive an annual retainer of \$45,000 for their services. Mr. Wilkinson, as Chairman of the Board, was also entitled to an additional retainer of \$65,000, which the Board increased to \$90,000 effective in September 2014. The Chairs of the Audit and Compensation Committees were also entitled to receive an additional \$10,000 and the Chair of the Governance and Nominating and Health, Safety and Sustainability Committees an additional \$5,000 annual retainer. The additional annual retainer paid to the Chair of the Governance and Nominating was also increased in September 2014 to \$7,500. In addition, each independent director received a fee of \$2,000 for each Board or Board committee meeting attended. The Chair of the Audit Committee and, beginning in September 2014 the Chair of the Compensation Committee, received an additional \$1,000 per Audit Committee or Compensation Committee meeting attended, as applicable. All fees are paid quarterly and based on each non-employee director's service on the Board or any committee thereof.

Expense Reimbursement. All directors are reimbursed for their travel and other expenses incurred in attending Board and Board committee meetings, other than Messrs. Caplan, Goldberg and Kalmin, who waived their right to receive expense reimbursement.

Independent Director Stock Ownership Guidelines. Under our stock ownership guidelines, each independent director is required to accumulate, within five years of election to the Board, 20,000 shares of our common stock.

Non-employee, non-independent directors are not subject to these guidelines, although they are urged to follow them. The guidelines are based on a fixed number of shares, which was established after giving consideration to the value of the fixed share guidelines as a percent of pay (salary for executives and cash retainer for independent directors). The guidelines of peers and, on a broader basis, industry practices were considered in developing this policy. As of the date of this filing, each of our independent directors is in compliance with our stock ownership guidelines or within the applicable grace period.

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OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY COMMON STOCK

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock, as of the dates noted below, by each person known by us to be the beneficial owner of five percent or more of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. The percent of class shown below is based on 86,900,952 shares of common stock outstanding as of July 9, 2015.

Name	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership ^(a)	Percent of Class	
Glencore AG ^(b)	37,302,218	42.9	%
The Vanguard Group ^(c)	8,745,123	10.1	%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ^(d)	7,227,667	8.3	%
BlackRock, Inc. ^(e)	6,041,354	7.0	%

(a) Each entity has sole voting and dispositive power, except as otherwise indicated.

Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13D/A filing dated July 2, 2015, by Glencore AG, Glencore International AG and Glencore Plc. Glencore's principal business address is Baarermattstresse 3, P.O. Box 1301, CH-6341 Baar, V8, Switzerland. In addition, the above information excludes 7,806,109 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of the Company's Series A Convertible Preferred Stock owned by Glencore AG, which is convertible only upon the occurrence of events that have not transpired and that are outside of the control of Glencore AG, or in circumstances that would not result in an increase in the percentage of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by Glencore. In addition, Glencore has entered into cash-settled total return swaps that give Glencore economic exposure to an additional 9,129,302 shares of the Company's common stock.

Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filing dated July 10, 2015, by the Vanguard Group ("Vanguard"). Vanguard is an investment advisor in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). The principal business address of the Vanguard Group is 100 Vanguard Blvd., Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355.

Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G/A filing dated February 5, 2015, by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ("Dimensional"). Dimensional is an investment advisor and furnishes investment advice to four investment companies and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts ("Funds"). As an investment advisor, sub-advisor and/or manager, Dimensional possesses voting and/or investment power over these shares, and it may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of these shares. However, these shares are owned by the Funds and Dimensional specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities. The principal business address of Dimensional Fund Advisors LP is Building One, 6300 Bee Cave Road, Austin, Texas 78746.

Based on information set forth in a Schedule 13G/A filing dated February 2, 2015, by Blackrock, Inc. ("Blackrock"). Blackrock is a parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). The principal business address of Blackrock, Inc. is 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022.

Security Ownership of Directors and Named Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of July 9, 2015 by: (i) each of our current directors, (ii) each of the Company's named executive officers, and (iii) all of the Company's directors and executive officers as a group. No director or executive officer beneficially owned more than 1% of our outstanding common stock. All of the Company's directors and executive officers as a

group beneficially owned less than 1% of the Company's outstanding common stock.

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Name	Common Stock ^(b)	Exercisable Stock Options ^(c)
Jarl Berntzen	49,754	(d) 16,000
Michael Bless	137,246	57,618
Andrew Caplan	—	(e) —
Rick Dillon	4,102	—
Jesse Gary	10,936	—
Errol Glasser	3,495	—
Daniel Goldberg	—	(e) —
Michelle Harrison	30,130	(f) 22,998
John Hoerner	31,847	—
Andrew Michelmore	29,848	(g) —
Terence Wilkinson	37,990	(h) —
All Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (11 persons)	335,348	96,616

- (a) Each individual has sole voting and dispositive power except as otherwise noted.
- (b) These amounts include shares vesting within 60 days of July 9, 2015.
- (c) Represents shares that are subject to options that are presently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of July 9, 2015.
- (d) Includes 23,577 shares that have vested or for which settlement has been deferred. Excludes 37,293,218 shares owned by Glencore, for which Mr. Goldberg serves as the Asset and Investment Manager of the Aluminum and Alumina Department and Mr. Caplan serves as the Head of the Aluminum and Alumina Department.
- (e) Represents shares that are jointly owned or held in a trust and subject to shared voting and dispositive power.
- (f) Includes 4,565 shares that have vested or for which settlement has been deferred.
- (g) Includes 22,225 shares that have vested or for which settlement has been deferred.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors and executive officers, and persons owning more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities, to file with the SEC reports of ownership and changes in ownership of the Company's equity securities. These same persons are also required to furnish the Company with copies of all such forms. Based solely on a review of the copies of the forms furnished to the Company, or written representations that no Form 5 filings were required, we believe that, with respect to the 2014 fiscal year, all required Section 16(a) filings were timely made, with the exception of Robert Hoffman's initial Form 3 and Mr. Hoffman's Form 4 filed on April 3, 2014 reporting the withholding of shares vested on March 22, 2014 and the 2,428 shares units granted to him on March 24, 2014.

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Equity Compensation Plan Information

Equity Compensation Plan Information (a)

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	1,008,656	26.85	(b) 6,900,000

(a) As of December 31, 2014.

(b) Represents the weighted-average exercise price of 544,171 options outstanding under the 1996 Plan. There is no exercise price associated with 464,485 service-based share awards also outstanding under the 1996 Plan.

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The Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP to act as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. We are requesting the Company's stockholders to ratify such appointment. If no direction is given to the contrary, all proxies received by the Board of Directors will be voted "FOR" ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Neither the Board nor the Audit Committee is required to take any action as a result of the outcome of the vote on this proposal. However, if the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee may investigate the reasons for such rejection. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee may direct the appointment of a different independent auditor at any time.

In addition to performing the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements, Deloitte & Touche LLP provided various other services for the Company during the last two fiscal years. The aggregate fees billed for the last two fiscal years are set forth below:

	2014	2013
Audit Fees ^(a)	\$2,489,824	\$2,235,000
Audit - Related Fees ^(b)	—	5,000
Tax Fees ^(c)	106,325	92,000
All Other Fees ^(d)	151,868	228,000
Total Fees	\$2,748,017	\$2,560,000

(a) Audit Fees. Audit Fees include professional services rendered in connection with the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements, audit of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, statutory audits, reviews of the consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, consultation on accounting matters, and review of documents filed with the SEC.

(b) Audit-Related Fees. Audit-Related Fees include a review of pro forma financials relating to the Sebree acquisition in 2013.

(c) Tax Fees. Tax Fees include the preparation of federal and state tax returns, and consultation related to tax planning, tax advice, tax compliance and acquisitions.

(d) All Other Fees. All Other Fees include due diligence, registration statements and consultation on accounting matters.

All services rendered by Deloitte & Touche LLP are pre-approved by the Audit Committee in accordance with the Audit Committee's pre-approval procedures. Under those procedures, the terms and fees of annual audit services, and changes thereto, must be approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also pre-approves the scope of audit-related, tax and other non-audit services that may be performed by our independent auditors during the fiscal year, subject to dollar limitations set by the Committee. The foregoing pre-approval procedures are subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act which are approved by the Audit Committee prior to completion of the audit.

Representatives of Deloitte & Touche LLP are not expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, but will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available should any matter arise requiring their presence or to otherwise respond to questions.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The following report of the Audit Committee shall not be deemed to be “soliciting material” or to be “filed” with the SEC, nor shall this information be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, except to the extent that Century specifically incorporates it by reference into a filing.

During 2014, Messrs. Berntzen, O'Brien, Wilkinson and Glasser served on the Audit Committee for some period of time with Mr. O'Brien serving as the Chairman of the Committee until September 2014. Mr. Glasser was elected as Chairman of the Committee upon the retirement of Mr. O'Brien. All members of the Audit Committee are Independent Directors, as that term is defined under NASDAQ rules. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board. In accordance with its charter, the Audit Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of Century.

The Audit Committee's job is one of oversight. Century's management is responsible for the preparation of Century's financial statements and the independent auditors are responsible for auditing those financial statements. The Audit Committee and the Board recognize that management (including the internal audit staff) and the independent auditors have more resources and time, and more detailed knowledge and information regarding Century's accounting, auditing, internal control and financial reporting practices than the Audit Committee does; accordingly, the Audit Committee's oversight role does not include providing any expert or special assurance as to the financial statements and other financial information provided by Century to its stockholders and others.

In discharging its oversight responsibility as to the audit process, the Audit Committee obtained from the independent auditors the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by Rule 3526 adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and discussed with the independent auditors their independence from Century. The Audit Committee also discussed with management, the internal auditors and the independent auditors, the quality and adequacy of Century's internal controls, the processes for assessing and monitoring risk, and the internal audit function's organization, responsibilities, budget and staffing. The Audit Committee reviewed with both the independent and the internal auditors their audit plans, audit scope, and identification of audit risks. The Audit Committee has the authority to obtain advice from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as the Audit Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties and receives appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, from Century for such advice and assistance.

The Audit Committee met with and discussed with the independent auditors all matters required to be discussed by PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 16, and, with and without management present, reviewed and discussed the results of the independent auditors' examination of the financial statements. The Audit Committee also discussed the quality and adequacy of Century's internal controls and the results of the internal audit examinations.

The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management and the independent auditors the interim financial information contained in each quarterly earnings announcement in 2014 prior to its public release and the audited financial statements of Century as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Based on the above mentioned review and discussions with management and the independent auditors, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that Century's audited financial statements be included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, for filing with the SEC.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Audit Committee

Jarl Berntzen

Errol Glasser (Chair)

Terence Wilkinson

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PROPOSAL NO. 3: ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

In accordance with Section 14A of the Exchange Act (which was added by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act) and the related rules of the SEC, a resolution will be presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting asking our stockholders to approve, on an advisory and non-binding basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement. Although the vote is advisory and is not binding on the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors or the Company, the Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements. We refer to this non-binding advisory vote as the “say-on-pay” vote. Our current policy is to hold a "say-on-pay" vote each year until the next required stockholder vote on the frequency of the "say-on-pay" vote. We expect that the next such frequency vote will occur at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

You are asked to vote for or against, or to abstain from voting, on the following resolution on an advisory basis: “Resolved, that the stockholders approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement pursuant to the rules of the SEC, including the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” the compensation tables, and any related tables and disclosure.”

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” APPROVAL OF THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Introduction

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis is designed to provide the Company's shareholders with an understanding of the Company's compensation program and to discuss the compensation earned for 2014 by the Company's named executive officers. The Company's Compensation Committee (the "Committee") oversees the Company's executive compensation program. The Committee reviews and establishes the compensation for the Company's executive officers and is responsible for administering and awarding grants of equity awards under the Company's existing stock incentive plans.

Our 2014 executive compensation program:

- Aligns the interests of the Company's executives with those of the Company's shareholders through long-term stock-based awards and cash payouts linked to pre-established Company performance targets;
- Ties a significant portion (75% in the case of the CEO) of long-term incentive awards to the Company's total shareholder return relative to its peers;
- Links compensation to share price appreciation by awarding additional long-term incentive awards in the form of time-vested performance shares; and
- Awards annual incentive bonuses based on the achievement of pre-established Company performance targets (70% weighting) and the executive's individual performance (30% weighting).

2014 Key Compensation Actions

While we believe that the core elements of the Company's executive compensation program support the Company's business strategy and encourage the creation of shareholder value, the Committee is also committed to continued improvement in response to executive compensation trends and regulatory developments. As a result, in June 2014 we implemented the following changes to the Company's executive compensation program:

- Amended and restated the Company's Executive Severance Plan to remove excise tax gross-ups and to adjust severance and change in control payments to be more in-line with current executive compensation trends; and
- Terminated all individual employment and severance protection agreements with the Company's executives, thereby eliminating tax gross-ups, moving all severance and change-in-control benefits to plan documents and creating only at-will employment relationships with the Company's executives.

Named Executive Officers

For 2014, the Company's named executive officers were:

- Michael Bless, President and Chief Executive Officer;
- Rick Dillon, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer;
- Jesse Gary, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary;
- John Hoerner, Senior Vice President, North American Operations; and
- Michelle Harrison, Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer.

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Our Philosophy on Executive Compensation

The Company's compensation program is designed to enable Century and its subsidiaries to provide competitive compensation packages that attract, retain and motivate talented executives and managers while aligning management's and stockholders' interests in the enhancement of Company performance and stockholder value. Consistent with this philosophy, target cash bonus opportunities for 2014 under the Company's annual incentive plan were heavily weighted (70%) on company performance to closely link executive compensation with the near-term business goal of increasing the Company's operating profitability and safety results, and performance unit awards granted under our long-term incentive plan were based 100% on total stockholder return in order to incentivize management to maximize the Company's share price performance over the long-term.

The Company's compensation programs are structured as a balanced portfolio using multiple elements to deliver a total package consisting of base salary, annual incentive awards, long-term incentive awards, and retirement benefits. In addition, the Committee retains discretion to make adjustments necessary to balance the overall performance of Century and the individual performance of the Company's executive officers and to pay for performance.

The size of previous equity-based grants and current equity holdings do not affect future grants and are not considered by the Committee when making long-term incentive award decisions. The Committee does, however, consider the combination of compensation and benefit offerings when making compensation decisions. The Committee generally applies its compensation philosophy and policies consistently in determining the compensation of each of our executives, while being mindful of individual differences such as experience, level of responsibility, potential contributions to future growth opportunities and individual performance, as well as the practical implications of arms-length negotiations at the time each executive is hired or promoted.

Consideration of Say-on-Pay Results

At the Company's annual meeting of stockholders held in September 2014, over 98% of the votes cast on the advisory vote to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers were voted in favor of the proposal. The Committee believes this affirms our stockholders' support for the Company's approach to executive compensation.

Our Process for Executive Compensation

The Committee oversees the Company's executive compensation program. The Committee develops and approves the overall compensation package for our Chief Executive Officer and, with the additional assistance of our Chief Executive Officer, for each of our other executive officers. Although objective criteria are used, the Committee retains final discretion in determining the compensation of our executive officers. In general, the Committee makes its final determination of both annual incentive awards and awards earned based on long-term performance in the first quarter following the end of each performance period.

In implementing and administering the Company's compensation philosophy, the Committee, in consultation with its independent executive compensation consultant, regularly:

- Reviews market data to assess the competitiveness of the Company's compensation policies;
- Evaluates the Company's compensation policies compared to its peers and in the context of the broader economy;
- Reviews Company performance against the Company's plans and budgets and considers the degree of attainment of pre-established performance goals;
- Reviews the individual performance of each executive officer; and
- Considers the results of the advisory "say-on-pay" vote of the Company's shareholders and regularly engages with the Company's shareholders regarding the Company's compensation program.

The Committee maintains an annual agenda to help ensure that it discharges its duties in a thoughtful and timely manner. As a general practice, the Committee makes significant decisions over multiple meetings, discussing conceptual matters, reviewing preliminary recommendations and reviewing final recommendations before acting. The Committee also holds special meetings as necessary in order to perform its duties.

The Committee dedicated significant time and attention to management compensation in 2014, including holding five meetings.

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Benchmarking Executive Compensation

The Company's philosophy emphasizes competitive objectives for executive pay, while being mindful of individual differences such as experience, responsibility-level and performance, as well as the practical implications of pay, on occasion, being the product of an arms-length negotiation at the time an executive is hired or promoted. Elements of compensation that are benchmarked, separately and in the aggregate, include base salary, annual incentive, long-term incentive and retirement benefits.

The Company's incentive plans are designed to reward outstanding performance above the targeted range in the case of outstanding performance (subject to a maximum payout of 200% of target); conversely, when performance is below expectations, the Company's plans are designed to deliver compensation that is below the targeted range. Generally, the Committee targets total compensation (annual base salaries, annual incentive compensation, long-term incentive compensation and retirement benefits) at or near the midpoint of the compensation ranges for comparable positions at similarly situated companies.

For purposes of setting 2014 compensation, the Committee, with input from management and its independent executive compensation consultant, reviewed the practices of a group of comparably-sized, asset-intensive, metals and other industrial companies. The Committee chose these parameters, and ultimately the companies noted below, to permit pay to be evaluated in a context that considers businesses with similar exposure to economic forces and business cycles. The composition of this group is reviewed regularly and the group is refined, when appropriate, to ensure its relevance in light of Century's relative size, as well as with respect to mergers, acquisitions, growth, etc. among the companies. Following this analysis, the Committee decided that, for purposes of fiscal 2014 compensation matters, it would use the same peer group as it had used for 2013.

For purposes of fiscal 2014 compensation matters, the following companies were included in the Company's peer group:

AM Castle & Co.	Minerals Technologies Inc.
Buckeye Technologies Inc.	Mueller Industries, Inc.
Carpenter Technology Corp	Noranda Aluminum Holding Corp.
Eagle Materials Inc.	Schnitzer Steel Industries Inc.
Genesee & Wyoming Inc.	Stillwater Mining Co.
Gibraltar Industries Inc.	Texas Industries Inc.
Kaiser Aluminum Corp.	Valmont Industries, Inc.
Koppers Holdings Inc.	Worthington Industries
Martin Marietta Materials Inc.	

Role of the Chief Executive Officer

As part of its review and determination of Century's compensation objectives, philosophy, programs and decisions, the Committee works with and receives advice and recommendations from our Chief Executive Officer (other than with respect to his own compensation). The Committee's charter formalizes the working relationship with our Chief Executive Officer and includes the following actions to be taken by the Chief Executive Officer:

- Working with the Committee regarding the approval of all general compensation plans and policies, including pension, savings, incentive and equity-based plans;
- Reviewing with, and recommending to, the Committee the respective corporate and individual goals and objectives for the other named executive officers relevant to their compensation;
- Providing the Committee an evaluation of the performance of the other named executive officers in light of their respective corporate and individual goals and objectives; and
- Recommending to the Committee the compensation levels of the other named executive officers.

The Committee considers the recommendations of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, together with the review by its independent compensation consultant, in making independent determinations regarding executive compensation.

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The Company's Chief Executive Officer attends all Committee meetings, other than those portions that are held in executive session, and he is not present during voting or deliberations on matters involving his compensation in accordance with the Committee's charter.

Role of Compensation Committee Consultants

The Committee has authority under its charter to retain its own advisers, including compensation consultants. To assist in its review and oversight of the Company's executive compensation program, the Committee has engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. ("Frederic Cook") as its independent compensation consultant. The Committee consults with Frederic Cook regularly throughout the year. Frederic Cook advised the Committee in connection with designing and implementing the Company's executive compensation program for 2014, including with respect to compensation philosophy, objectives, annual and long-term plan designs and market pay levels. In compliance with SEC rules, the Committee has assessed the independence of Frederic Cook and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent Frederick Cook from independently representing the Committee. Frederic Cook did not provide any services to the Company in 2014 other than the services provided directly to the Committee.

Overview of Compensation Elements

The list below summarizes the general elements and characteristics of our executive compensation program. Detailed narratives of these compensation elements are provided below under "Compensation Program Details."

Base salary: Base salary is determined by our philosophy, the position (skills, duties, responsibilities, etc.), market pay levels and trends, individual performance and prior salary;

Annual incentive awards: Variable compensation based on the Committee's review of achievement of pre-set performance goals payable in cash (or at the discretion of the Committee, common stock or stock options) following the fiscal year the pay is earned;

Long-term incentives: Variable compensation based 100% on total stockholder return over the measurement period payable in cash and/or common stock; and

Retirement benefits: Defined contribution plan for salaried employees of our U.S. companies who meet certain eligibility requirements. Additional benefits are provided under a tax qualified defined benefit plan which was closed to new participants as of January 1, 2015 and a nonqualified defined benefit plan with benefits above the level permitted under a qualified plan for certain senior executives.

Compensation Program Details

Base Salary

Base salary provides a secure fixed level of compensation in an amount that recognizes the roles and responsibilities of the executive officer, as well as experience, performance and contributions. The Committee reviews the salaries of the Company's named executive officers annually. The amount of any increase is based primarily on the named executive officer's performance, the level of his or her responsibilities and the external competitiveness of the base salary and overall total compensation. In addition, the Committee may review the salaries of our named executive officers in connection with a promotion or other change in responsibility. The Committee's review of these factors is subjective and no fixed value or weight is assigned to any specific factor when making salary decisions.

Annual Incentive Awards

The Company's Annual Incentive Plan (the "AIP") is designed to motivate and reward our executive officers for achieving the Company's short-term financial and operational objectives. Under the AIP, the Company's named executive officers are eligible to receive an award, which has historically been paid in cash, but may be paid, at the discretion of the Committee, in cash, common stock or stock options.

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Target Awards

For fiscal 2014, a target annual incentive award was established for each named executive officer subject to the achievement of pre-established corporate and individual goals, as described below. For our named executive officers, 70% of their award is based on the degree to which corporate performance goals are achieved and 30% is based on their individual performance and achievements. For fiscal 2014, the two metrics used to measure corporate performance for determining payouts were: (i) EBITDA, which had a 50% weighting and (ii) safety performance, which had a 20% weighting. These metrics and their assigned weights reflect the Company's near-term business goals of increasing operating profitability and improving the safety of the Company's workplaces.

For purposes of this program, EBITDA is defined as the Company's net income excluding, as applicable: (i) income tax expense/benefit, (ii) net gain/(loss) on forward contracts, (iii) interest expense/income, (iv) depreciation and (v) amortization. For each of the Company's named executive officers other than Mr. Hoerner, the Committee considered EBITDA for the Company on a consolidated basis. Because Mr. Hoerner's responsibilities relate primarily to the Company's North American operations, for purposes of determining Mr. Hoerner's payout under the AIP, 50% of Mr. Hoerner's payout on this factor was based on EBITDA specific to the Company's North American operations and the other 50% was based on EBITDA for the Company on a consolidated basis.

For each of the Company's named executive officers other than Mr. Hoerner, the 2014 safety targets were to achieve a combined weighted average (based on total headcount) at the Company's U.S. and Icelandic operations on a consolidated basis of a: (i) total recordable case incident rate ("TCIR") of 1.85 and (ii) days away, restrictions and job transfers rate ("DART") of 1.07. With respect to Mr. Hoerner, 50% of his safety target was based solely on safety performance at our Hawesville and Sebree facilities, with targets of (i) TCIR of 2.09 and (ii) DART of 1.30. Each of TCIR and DART had a 10% weighting.

The following table summarizes the performance range and payout for these performance metrics:

Performance Metric		Threshold	Target			Maximum
EBITDA (50% weighting)	Performance Range	90% of target	100% of target	110% of target	120% of target	130% of target
	Payout Level	50%	100%	125%	160%	200%
TCIR (10% weighting)	Performance Range	10% below target	100% of target	8% above target	16% above target	23% above target
	Payout Level	50%	100%	133%	167%	200%
DART (10% weighting)	Performance Range	10% below target	100% of target	6% above target	13% above target	19% above target
	Payout Level	50%	100%	133%	167%	200%

The Committee reviews and approves the performance metrics and target levels of performance annually. The Committee sets targets that it believes are challenging but reasonably attainable. In general, payouts may be above or below target depending on performance above or below the targeted levels based on a straight line interpolation. If the Company achieved its targeted performance for each of the metrics, the payout percentage for the Company portion of the target bonus would be 100%. The maximum payout percentage for the Company portion of the target bonus was 200%. If the threshold amounts were not achieved for a particular metric, no amount is to be paid for that metric. However, in each case, the Committee retains absolute discretion to modify or eliminate any incentive awards if the Committee determines such actions are warranted. The following table summarizes the Company's achievements with respect to the AIP EBITDA and safety performance metrics for 2014:

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Operating Result	% of Aggregate Award If Target Achieved	Targets	Achievement
EBITDA	50%	We consider the EBITDA targets to be confidential, and the disclosure of those targets would cause competitive harm to Century. The EBITDA targets are based on business plan assumptions that may allow our competitors to be able to predict our pricing strategies or our ability to match certain prices.	Performance of this factor was below target for the measurement period on a consolidated basis, which resulted in a 36.1% payout of target for this factor for each of Messrs. Bless, Dillon, Gary and Ms. Harrison. North American Operations EBITDA was also below target, resulting in a 30.6% payout of target for Mr. Hoerner.
Safety	20% (10% weighted to each of TCIR and DART)	For each named executive officer other than Mr. Hoerner, (i) consolidated TCIR of 2.04 and (ii) consolidated DART of 1.16. For Mr. Hoerner, North American operations (i) TCIR of 2.31 and (ii) DART of 1.40	Consolidated TCIR was 109% of target, which resulted in a 9.9% payment for this factor. North American operations TCIR was 86.1% of target, which resulted in a 158.1% payout for this factor for Mr. Hoerner. Consolidated DART was 143.3% of target, which resulted in a 0% payment for this factor. North American operations DART was 116.8% of target, which resulted in a 0% payout for this factor for Mr. Hoerner.

As explained above, 30% of an executive officer's target annual incentive relates to individual job performance. The Committee's evaluation of individual contributions is based, in part, on individual performance goals established at the beginning of each period and the Committee's subjective evaluation of the achievement thereof. For our named executive officers, individual performance objectives for 2014 included goals and objectives tied to operational performance and other Company initiatives and strategies applicable to each executive's area of responsibility. The Committee also reserves the right to use its discretion in assessing each executive's individual performance. For 2014, the Committee approved individual performance for our named executive officers ranging from 85% to 150% of target.

Target annual incentive opportunities for 2014 were based on a percentage of base salary: Mr. Bless 100%; Messrs. Dillon, Gary and Hoerner each 70%; and Ms. Harrison 50%. The Committee determined these target annual incentive opportunities as part of its total compensation program to provide Century's named executive officers total compensation (including annual base salaries, annual incentive compensation, long-term incentive compensation and retirement benefits) that, assuming success in meeting or surpassing criteria under the Company's various incentive plans, was positioned, on average, around the midpoint of the compensation ranges for comparable positions at similarly situated companies.

2014 Payout

The annual incentives paid to Messrs. Bless, Dillon, Gary, Hoerner and Ms. Harrison for 2014 were as follows:

Name	Target Non-Equity Incentive Compensation	Actual Non-Equity Incentive Compensation
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	pursuant to the 2014 Annual Incentive Plan	Paid pursuant to the 2014 Annual Incentive Plan
Mr. Bless	\$ 825,000	\$ 553,781
Mr. Gary	262,500	215,578
Mr. Dillon	280,000	102,288
Mr. Hoerner	280,000	214,095
Ms. Harrison	137,500	100,547

- (a) Mr. Dillon's employment with the Company commenced on June 16, 2014. As such, the amounts paid to him for 2014 reflect his pro-rated incentive compensation for the partial year of service.

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Long-Term Incentive Awards

The LTIP is designed to align executive compensation with the interests of the Company's stockholders by linking compensation to share price appreciation and total stockholder return over a multi-year period and supporting the retention of our management team. We provide two types of LTIP awards: time-vested performance share units and performance units.

Time-vested performance share units are stock-settled awards (which do not contain any performance-based vesting requirements) that are granted at the beginning of the performance period. Performance units are generally cash-settled awards (although the Committee retains the discretion to settle these awards in common stock) and vest based on the achievement of pre-determined Company performance metrics, subject to the discretion of the Committee. Both the performance units and time-vested performance share units vest, in their entirety, after three years.

2014-2016 LTIP. In 2014, the Committee approved annual target grants of long-term incentive awards to the Company's named executive officers expressed as a percentage of base salary: Mr. Bless 250%, Mr. Dillon 120%, Mr. Gary 110%, Mr. Hoerner 120% and Ms. Harrison 50%.

For each of the Company's named executive officers receiving such awards, other than Mr. Bless, two-thirds of the awards granted under the 2014-2016 LTIP were granted in the form of performance units and one-third were granted in the form of time-vested performance share units. Three-fourths of Mr. Bless' 2014-2016 LTIP awards were granted in the form of performance units and one-fourth in the form of time-vested performance share units. The high proportion of performance-based awards reflects the Company's commitment to the pay-for-performance philosophy. The time-based stock awards also align the Company's named executive officers interests with the Company's shareholders as the value of the award increases or decreases with the Company's stock price.

In March 2014, the Committee reviewed the vesting schedule and performance metrics used for the 2013 performance unit grants and decided to utilize the same performance metric for the 2014 grants. The 2014 performance units vest 100% at the end of a three-year performance period commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending on December 31, 2016 (the "Performance Period") based 100% upon the Company's total stockholder return ("TSR") relative to the average TSR of the following peer group of aluminum industry companies for the Performance Period: Alcoa Inc., Alumina Limited, Aluminum Corp. of China Limited, Noranda Aluminum Holding Corporation, Norsk Hydro ASA and United Co Rusal PLC.

The Committee established the following range of targets and achievement percentages with respect to TSR for the Performance Period:

	TSR Percentile Ranks	Achievement Percentage
Maximum	150% of Peer Average	200%
Target	100% of Peer Average	100%
Threshold	70% of Peer Average	50%
Below Threshold	<70% of Peer Average	0

The Committee believes that basing the 2014-2016 LTIP performance unit awards 100% on TSR aligns management's and the Company's stockholders' interests by incentivizing management to increase the Company's long-term share price performance. TSR is defined as the change in value of the applicable stock price for the Performance Period, with any dividends during such period being reinvested. For purposes of determining TSR, the applicable stock price shall be calculated based on the average closing stock price for the 20 trading days immediately prior to the beginning and end of the Performance Period. TSR is calculated by the Committee.

The time-vested performance share units granted to the Company's named executive officers in 2014 also vest at the conclusion of the three-year Performance Period. The Committee believes that awarding some portion of the Company's long-term incentive awards in the form of time-vested equity compensation encourages retention and, more importantly, considered together with the Company's stock ownership guidelines (as further discussed below), ensures that the Company's executives own a minimum number of shares of the Company's common stock, thus aligning the interests of the executives with those of the Company's shareholders and creating incentives for long-term value creation.

Results for 2012-2014 LTIP Awards. Awards under the 2012-2014 LTIP consisted of both time-vested performance share units and performance units. As noted above, time-vested performance share units are stock-settled awards (which do not contain any performance-based vesting requirements) and performance units are generally cash-settled awards (subject to Committee

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discretion to settle these awards in stock). Performance units awarded under the 2012-2014 LTIP vest based 100% based on the Company's TSR relative to a pre-approved peer group of aluminum companies, subject to the discretion of the Committee, and with the same range of targets as noted above under the description of the 2014-2016 LTIP. Both the performance units and time-vested performance share units vest, in their entirety, after three years. For the 2012-2014 performance period, the Company's TSR was 238% of the average TSR of the peer group. As a result, the performance units awarded under the 2012-2014 LTIP vested at 200% of target, the maximum payout percentage. In settling such awards, the Committee exercised its discretion to settle all or a portion of such awards in stock. For each of the Company's named executive officers who had received such awards, other than Mr. Bless, 50% was settled in stock and 50% was settled in cash. All of Mr. Bless' 2012-2014 performance units were settled in stock. The Committee believes that settling a portion of the 2012-2014 awards in stock will facilitate compliance with the Company's stock ownership guidelines and creates further incentives for long-term value creation. The table below reflects the actual cash payments made and common stock issued under the 2012-2014 LTIP:

Name	Target Value of Performance Units Under 2012-2014 LTIP(\$)	Performance Units Settled in Cash Under 2012-2014 LTIP(\$)	Performance Units Settled in Stock(#)	Time-Vested Performance Share Units Vested Under 2012-2014 LTIP(#)
Mr. Bless	1,095,000	—	150,967	37,834
Mr. Dillon(a)	58,131	58,131	4,007	1,984
Mr. Gary	—	—	—	—
Mr. Hoerner	176,088	176,088	12,139	9,112
Ms. Harrison	80,040	80,040	5,518	4,142

Mr. Dillon's target bonus potential and time-vested performance share units awarded under the (a) 2012-2014 LTIP were pro-rated to account for his partial year of service.

Stock Options

Option grants are made on a case-by-case basis to executive officers in connection with hiring awards and to recognize promotions and under other circumstances where deemed appropriate in the Committee's discretion. It has been the Committee's practice to approve all option grants at Committee meetings. For initial option grants to the Company's executives made in connection with their employment by Century, the Committee approves the options at the time it approves the executive's overall compensation arrangement and the terms of his or her employment agreement, if any. Option grants are a high-risk, high return component of the executive total compensation program because stock options deliver value to an executive only if the share price is above the grant price after the date of vesting. Therefore, the stock options directly align executive officer and stockholder interests. No option grants to named executive officers have been made since 2009.

Retirement Benefits

We maintain a 401(k) Plan for our U.S. based salaried employees, including our named executive officers. The Century Aluminum 401(k) Plan is a tax-qualified retirement savings plan pursuant to which our U.S. based salaried employees are able to contribute a percentage, up to the limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service, of their annual compensation on a pre-tax basis. The Company also makes a matching contribution equal to 100% of eligible employees' pre-tax contributions to the 401(k) Plan up to 4% of eligible compensation, and 50% of eligible employees' pre-tax contributions equal to the next 2% of eligible compensation. Generally, "eligible compensation" used for purposes of calculating contributions under the Plan is the amount paid to an employee as base salary plus bonuses (excluding certain gifts, awards, severance pay, relocation pay, performance shares and amounts realized from the exercise of certain stock awards) up to the IRS annual compensation limit of \$260,000 in 2014. Each named executive officer was eligible to participate in these benefits in 2014.

Although closed to new participants, we also maintain a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan which we refer to as our Qualified Plan for our U.S. based salaried employees who were employed prior to January 1, 2015 and who meet certain additional eligibility requirements, including at least one full year of service with the Company. The

Qualified Plan provides lifetime annual benefits starting at age 62 equal to 12 multiplied by the greater of: (i) 1.5% of final average monthly compensation multiplied by years of credited service (up to 40 years), or (ii) \$22.25 multiplied by years of credited service (up to 40 years), less the total monthly vested benefit payable as a life annuity at age 62 under predecessor plans which we acquired. We determine final average monthly compensation under the Qualified Plan as the highest monthly average for 36 consecutive months in the 120-month period ending on the last day of the calendar month completed at or prior to a termination of service. Participants'

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pension rights vest after a five-year period of service, or earlier if the participant has reached the age of 62. An early retirement benefit (actuarially reduced beginning at age 55) and a disability benefit are also available. The compensation covered by the plan includes all compensation, subject to certain exclusions, before any reduction for 401(k) contributions, subject to the maximum limits under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The Qualified Plan was amended in the fourth quarter of 2014 to eliminate future accruals for participants who are under age 50 as of January 1, 2015 and to close the plan to new participants. Employees, including our named executive officers, who are under age 50 and are no longer eligible for future accruals under the Qualified Plan, will receive an additional matching contribution under the Century Aluminum 401(k) Plan equal to 100% of such employee's pre-tax contributions up to 6% of eligible compensation. Employees of the Company prior to January 1, 2015 who have achieved age 50 will continue under the Qualified Plan with no changes.

Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison also participate in a Supplemental Retirement Income Benefit Plan, or "SERP." The SERP, which is also closed to new participants, provides participating executive officers with an additional retirement benefit equal to the amount that would normally be paid under our Qualified Plan if there were no annual compensation limitations under Sections 415 and 401(a)(17) of the Code. Final average monthly compensation for purposes of calculating the supplemental benefit will be based on the greater of (a) projected final annual compensation, assuming specified annual increases until retirement age, or (b) the average of the highest three years' annual compensation over the last 10 years of employment.

Benefits triggered by retirement are valued and described below under the caption "Post-Employment Compensation; Pension Benefits" and "Executive Compensation; Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control."

Policies & Other Considerations

Stock ownership guidelines

We maintain stock ownership guidelines for our executives and independent directors. We adopted these guidelines to further underscore our belief that management's interests should be aligned with those of our stockholders.

The current guidelines for Century's officers are summarized in the table below. The guidelines are based on a fixed number of shares, which was established after giving consideration to the value of the fixed share guidelines as a percent of pay salary. The guidelines of peers and, on a broader basis, industry practices were considered in developing this policy.

Category	Share Guideline
Chief Executive Officer	150,000
Executive Vice Presidents	48,000
Senior Vice Presidents	18,000
Vice Presidents	6,000

Officers have five years from the later of the date of hire or the effective date of the guidelines to meet these ownership guidelines. Officers who are subsequently promoted to a higher category of participant level will have five years from the date of promotion to achieve their increased share guideline. Each of our current named executive officers is in compliance with these guidelines or within the applicable grace period.

Anti-Hedging Policy

The Company has a policy that prohibits the Company's officers, directors and all other employees from engaging in transactions in which they may profit from short-term speculative swings in the value of the Company's securities. Such short-term holdings include "short sales" (selling borrowed securities which the seller hopes can be purchased at a lower price in the future), "put" and "call" options and other derivatives. In addition, this policy is designed to ensure compliance with all insider trading rules relating to the Company's securities.

Clawback

The Company maintains an Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy. Under this policy, the Company's Board will, to the extent permitted by applicable law, in all appropriate cases, require reimbursement of any bonus or incentive compensation paid to an employee after January 1, 2008, cause the cancellation of restricted or deferred stock awards and outstanding stock

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options, and seek reimbursement of any gains realized on the exercise of stock options attributable to such awards, if and to the extent that: (a) the amount of incentive compensation was calculated based upon the achievement of certain financial results that were subsequently reduced due to a restatement; (b) the Board or an appropriate committee determines that the employee engaged in any fraud or misconduct which caused or contributed to the need for the restatement; and (c) the amount of the bonus or incentive compensation that would have been awarded to the employee had the financial results been properly reported would have been lower than the amount actually awarded.

Timing of Equity Awards

Generally, the Committee makes incentive pay decisions for our named executive officers at regularly scheduled Committee and Board meetings. Typically, annual incentive awards are approved in the first quarter of each year. The Committee may also make compensation determinations at other times during the year for newly-hired executives or in connection with the promotion of existing employees. The Committee does not time any form of compensation award, including equity-based awards, to coincide with the release of material non-public information.

Income Tax Consequences

The Code generally disallows a tax deduction for annual compensation in excess of \$1 million paid to certain executive officers; however, compensation above \$1 million is deductible if such compensation is “performance-based” and meets other criteria as specified under Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Committee agrees with the premise of pay for performance and it has considered the impact of Section 162(m) on the design of our compensation program. However, the nature of our business, not the least of which is the impact of metal prices on our results, limits the ability to pre-determine meaningful goals without substantial subsequent discretionary adjustments. The Committee believes that such discretion is necessary and would not be available as a compensation management tool if incentive payments were to be “performance-based” as defined and required under Section 162(m). Accordingly, it is not the Committee's goal for all compensation to be deductible by us under Section 162(m).

The Committee will continue to consider and weigh the potential loss of expense deductions against its need for discretion in designing programs for the named executive officers. The Committee does not expect the loss of any such deductions to have a significant impact on Century.

Compensation Risk Assessment

The Compensation Committee reviews the relationship between the Company's risk management policies and practices and the incentive compensation provided to the Company's named executives to confirm that the Company's incentive compensation does not encourage unnecessary or excessive risks. The Compensation Committee also reviews the relationship between risk management policies and practices, corporate strategy and senior executive compensation. The Company's compensation programs are balanced and focused on the long-term. Under this structure, management can achieve the highest amount of compensation through consistent superior performance over extended periods of time. This incentivizes management to manage the Company for the long term and to avoid excessive risk-taking in the short-term. Goals and objectives reflect a balanced mix of quantitative and qualitative performance measures to avoid excessive weight on a single performance measure and the elements of compensation are similarly balanced among cash, time-vested performance share units (which do not contain any performance-based vesting requirements and settle in Century stock), and performance-based awards. With limited exceptions, the Compensation Committee retains absolute discretion to modify or eliminate any incentive awards if the Committee determines such actions are warranted. Based on its assessment of the Company's compensation policies and practices, the Compensation Committee has determined that it is not reasonably likely that Century's compensation and benefit plans would have a material adverse effect on Century.

Employment Agreements

The Company does not currently have employment agreements with any of the executive officers, each of whom is an at-will employee of the Company. The Company previously had an employment agreement with Mr. Bless. Mr. Bless' employment agreement was terminated in June 2014.

Severance and Change in Control Benefits

The Company's policy is to provide certain severance and change in control protections to the Company's named executive officers based on competitive practice in the industry. We believe that providing the Company's executives

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in the event of termination of employment under certain circumstances (such as by the Company without cause or upon the death or disability of the executive) or in connection with a change in control of the Company helps us to retain executives and maintain leadership stability. Furthermore, we believe the change in control protections serve to maximize stockholder value by creating incentives for named executive officers to explore strategic transactions and work to bring such transactions to fruition if appropriate.

Historically, we have provided for such protections under our Stock Incentive Plan, our Long-Term Incentive Plan, the Company's Executive Severance Plan, severance protection agreements and employment agreements. These arrangements have been intended to attract and retain qualified executives that could have other job alternatives that may appear to them to be less risky absent these arrangements, particularly given the significant level of acquisition activity in the metals and mining sectors.

In June 2014, the Company terminated the Executive Severance Plan in effect since 2009 (the "Previous Severance Plan") and adopted an Amended and Restated Executive Severance Plan (the "A&R Executive Severance Plan") to provide for benefits that we believe are more consistent with current executive compensation trends. The Company also amended and restated our Stock Incentive Plan and our Long-Term Incentive Plan to conform these plans to the A&R Executive Severance Plan. Following the adoption of our A&R Executive Severance Plan, and in consideration for Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison being named as participants in the A&R Executive Severance Plan, the Company agreed with Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison, as applicable, to terminate the employment agreement with Mr. Bless and the severance protection agreements with each of Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison, thereby moving all severance and change-in-control benefits to plan documents and creating at-will employment relationships with all of our executives. We are no longer party to any individual employment agreement or severance protection agreement with any of the Company's executive officers.

Severance benefits under both the previous and new arrangements following a change in control are only provided on a "double trigger" basis, meaning that payment of the benefit is not awarded unless the executive's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by the executive upon certain enumerated changes in his or her employment terms (as specified in the applicable agreement or plan) within an agreed period following the transaction.

We believe the double trigger vesting structure strikes a balance between the severance protection and retention effects described above, without providing these benefits to executives who continue to enjoy employment with an acquiring company in the event of a change in control transaction. We also believe this structure is more attractive to potential acquiring companies, who may place significant value on retaining members of our executive management and who may perceive this goal to be undermined if executives receive significant acceleration payments in connection with such a transaction and are no longer required to continue employment to earn these payments. Provisions of these arrangements for the Company's named executive officers that relate to severance pay and termination benefits (including upon a change in control) are described below in further detail below in the section entitled "Potential Payments and Benefits Upon Termination."

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis set forth in this proxy statement with Century management and based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to Century's Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in Century's 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K and Century's 2015 proxy statement.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Compensation Committee

Daniel Goldberg

Andrew Michelmore (Chair)

Terence Wilkinson

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SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth the compensation of our named executive officers during the 2014, 2013 and 2012 fiscal years. In accordance with SEC rules, 2012 compensation is not presented for Mr. Gary and 2013 and 2012 compensation is not presented for Mr. Dillon because such individuals were not named executive officers in those years.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(c)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(d)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation (\$)(e)	All Other Compensation (\$)(f)	Total (\$)
Michael Bless President and Chief Executive Officer	2014	815,863	—	524,061	—	2,743,781	798,213	25,517	4,907,435
	2013	750,988	—	375,995	—	911,625	145,087	78,692	2,262,387
	2012	730,000	—	365,855	—	845,280	246,940	855	2,188,930
Rick Dillon Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2014	216,667 (a)	118,059 (b)	31,248	—	218,550	—	64,703	649,227
Jesse Gary Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2014	375,000	—	139,614	—	215,578	49,074	13,530	792,796
	2013	375,000	—	124,890	—	244,500	—	139,934	884,324
John Hoerner Senior Vice President, North American Operations	2014	393,750	—	162,460	—	566,271	74,074	15,660	1,212,215
	2013	350,000	—	93,251	—	324,520	33,614	12,750	814,135
	2012	330,000	—	88,113	—	260,000	58,697	6,355	743,165
Michelle Harrison Senior Vice President, Finance and Treasurer	2014	275,000	—	46,538	—	260,627	208,295	13,290	803,750
	2013	275,000	—	45,793	—	172,650	—	13,040	506,483
	2012	240,000	—	40,053	—	164,100	82,796	13,611	540,560

(a) Mr. Dillon's employment with the Company commenced on June 16, 2014 and his base salary was pro-rated accordingly for the partial year of service.

(b) For 2014, the amount shown for Mr. Dillon represents a one-time "signing bonus" paid in accordance with the terms of his offer letter. There were no other discretionary bonuses paid to the named executive officers in 2014, 2013 or 2012.

(c)

Represents the grant date fair value of stock awards granted to the named executive officer in the respective fiscal year, calculated in accordance with ASC 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation. A discussion of the assumptions used in calculating the award values may be found in Note 12 to our 2014 audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 as filed with the SEC.

Represents both (i) the fair value of amounts earned by the named executive officer under the 2014 AIP and (ii) for each of Mr. Bless, Mr. Dillon (on a pro-rated basis), Mr. Hoerner and Ms. Harrison, the settlement value of (d) performance units vested under the 2012-2014 LTIP. The amounts in this column for 2014 attributable to the settlement of performance units were as follows: Mr. Bless - \$2,190,000; Mr. Dillon - \$116,262; Mr. Hoerner - \$352,176; and Ms. Harrison - \$160,080.

Represents the change in the actuarial present value of accumulated retirement benefits. For Mr. Gary and Ms. (e) Harrison, the actual change for 2013 was \$(711) and \$(63,671), respectively. Decreased interest rates, which are used to discount future payments under the pension plans, significantly increased the present value of pension benefits in 2014.

Amounts presented in the "All Other Compensation" column for 2014 include: for Mr. Dillon, relocation benefits of (f) \$53,879 and Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) plan of \$10,000 and, for each of Messrs. Gary, Hoerner and Ms. Harrison, Company contributions under the Company's 401(k) plan of \$13,000.

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2014 GRANTS OF PLAN BASED AWARDS

The following table sets forth information regarding the long-term incentive awards granted to our named executive officers for 2014.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Non-Equity Incentive Plan Units (#)	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards(\$)	Threshold	Target	Maximum	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock(#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options(#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (#/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Award(\$)(d)
Michael Bless										
AIP (a)			412,500	825,000	1,650,000					
2014-2016 LTIP (b)	3/24/2014	1,546,875	773,438	1,546,875	3,093,750					
2014-2016 LTIP (c)	3/24/2014						42,161			\$515,629
Rick Dillon										
AIP (a)			140,000	280,000	560,000					
2014-2016 LTIP (b)	6/23/2014	271,669	135,835	271,669	543,338					
2014-2016 LTIP (c)	6/23/2014						9,270			113,372
Jesse Gary										
AIP (a)			131,250	262,500	525,000					
2014-2016 LTIP (b)	3/24/2014	276,375	138,188	276,375	552,750					
2014-2016 LTIP (c)	3/24/2014						11,232			\$137,367
John Hoerner										
AIP (a)			140,000	280,000	560,000					
2014-2016 LTIP (b)	3/24/2014	321,600	160,800	321,600	643,200					
2014-2016 LTIP (c)	3/24/2014						13,070			\$159,846
Michelle Harrison										
AIP (a)			68,750	137,500	275,000					
2014-2016 LTIP (b)	3/24/2014	92,125	46,063	92,125	184,250					
2014-2016 LTIP (c)	3/24/2014						3,744			45,789

(a) Represents the threshold, target and maximum potential cash payments under the 2014 AIP. Subject to the discretion of the Committee, if the minimum performance criteria are not achieved for the threshold level, no cash payments will be awarded. Targeted performance bonus potential payout for 2014 was 100% of base salary for Mr. Bless, 70% of base salary for each of Mr. Dillon, Mr. Gary and Mr. Hoerner and 50% of base salary for Ms. Harrison. The actual amounts earned for 2014 are included in the amounts reflected in the Non-Equity

Incentive Payments column of the Summary Compensation Table.

Represents the threshold, target and maximum potential awards for performance units granted under the 2014-2016 Long Term Incentive Plan. Subject to the discretion of the Committee, if the minimum performance

- (b) criteria are not achieved for the threshold level, no payments will be awarded. Performance units are generally cash-settled awards but may be settled in stock at the discretion of the Committee. Awards will be settled in 2017 after consideration by the Committee.
- (c) Represents the number of time-vested performance share units granted to the named executive officer under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (d) The values represent the grant date fair value of the stock awards determined in accordance with ASC 718 Compensation - Stock Compensation.

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2014 OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AS OF FISCAL YEAR-END

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding equity awards for the Company's named executive officers as of December 31, 2014.

Name	Option Awards			Equity Incentive Plans:		Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable(#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable(#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options(#)	Option Exercise Price(\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock that Have Not Vested(#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock that Have Not Vested(\$)(f)
Michael Bless	30,000 27,618	— —	—	29.92 6.55	1/23/2016 5/4/2019	87,407 (a) —	2,132,731 —
Rick Dillon	—	—	—	—	—	14,897 (b)	363,487
Jesse Gary	—	—	—	—	—	28,761 (c)	701,768
John Hoerner	—	—	—	—	—	24,292 (d)	592,725
Michelle Harrison	3,600 5,000 14,398	— — —	— — —	24.70 37.31 6.55	12/8/2015 6/9/2016 5/4/2019	9,256 (e) — —	225,822 — —

- The amount represents (1) 42,161 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2016 and (2) 45,246 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2015.
- (a) The amount represents (1) 9,270 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2016 and (2) 5,627 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2015.
- (b) The amount represents (1) 11,232 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2016, (2) 15,029 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2015 (3) 2,500 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2012-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on April 16, 2015.
- (c) The amount represents (1) 13,070 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2016 and (2) 11,222 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2015.
- (d) The amount represents (1) 3,744 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2016 and (2) 5,511 of time-vested performance share units granted under the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which vest on December 31, 2015.
- (e) Based on the closing market price for shares of our common stock of \$24.40 on December 31, 2014.
- (f)

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2014 OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED

The following table sets forth information regarding option exercises and vesting and settlement of performance shares for our named executive officers as of December 31, 2014.

Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting(#)	Value Realized on Vesting(\$)
Michael Bless	37,834	(a) \$923,150
Rick Dillon	1,984	(a) \$48,410
Jesse Gary	2,500	(b) \$44,550
	3,000	(c) \$24,120
John Hoerner	9,112	(a) \$222,333
	10,000	(d) \$118,400
Michelle Harrison	4,142	(a) \$101,065

- (a) Shares received pursuant to the 2012-2014 Long-Term Incentive Plan that vested on December 31, 2014.
- (b) Shares received pursuant to the 2012 non-officer restricted stock awards grant that vested on April 16, 2014.
- (c) Shares received pursuant to the 2011 non-officer restricted stock awards grant that vested on March 22, 2014.
- (d) Shares received pursuant to an initial equity grant vested and settled on February 28, 2014.

Post Employment Compensation

Pension Benefits

As discussed above under the heading "Retirement Benefits," we maintain a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan which we refer to as our Qualified Plan for our U.S. based salaried employees who were employed prior to January 1, 2015 and who meet certain additional eligibility requirements, including at least one full year of service with the Company. Although closed to new participants, the Qualified Plan provides lifetime annual benefits starting at age 62 equal to 12 multiplied by the greater of: (i) 1.5% of final average monthly compensation multiplied by years of credited service (up to 40 years), or (ii) \$22.25 multiplied by years of credited service (up to 40 years), less the total monthly vested benefit payable as a life annuity at age 62 under predecessor plans which we acquired. We determine final average monthly compensation under the Qualified Plan as the highest monthly average for 36 consecutive months in the 120-month period ending on the last day of the calendar month completed at or prior to a termination of service. Participants' pension rights vest after a five-year period of service, or earlier if the participant has reached the age of 62. An early retirement benefit (actuarially reduced beginning at age 55) and a disability benefit are also available. The compensation covered by the plan includes all compensation, subject to certain exclusions, before any reduction for 401(k) contributions, subject to the maximum limits under the Code.

The Qualified Plan was amended in the fourth quarter of 2014 to eliminate future accruals for participants who are under age 50 as of January 1, 2015 and to close the plan to new participants. Employees, including our named executive officers, who are under age 50 and are no longer eligible for future accruals under the Qualified Plan, will receive an additional matching contribution under the Century Aluminum 401(k) Plan equal to 100% of such employee's pre-tax contributions up to 6% of eligible compensation. Employees of the Company prior to January 1, 2015 who have achieved age 50 will continue under the Qualified Plan with no changes.

Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison also participate in the SERP. The SERP, which is also closed to new participants, provides participating executive officers with an additional retirement benefit equal to the amount that would normally be paid under our Qualified Plan if there were no annual compensation limitations under Sections 415 and 401(a)(17) of the Code. Final average monthly compensation for purposes of calculating the supplemental benefit will be based on the greater of (a) projected final annual compensation, assuming specified annual increases until retirement age, or (b) the average of the highest three years' annual compensation over the last 10 years of employment.

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2014 Pension Benefits Table

Name	Plan Name	Number of Years of Credited Service		Present Value of Accumulated Benefit (\$)
Michael Bless	Non-Contributory Defined Pension Plan Supplemental Retirement Income Benefit Plan (SERP)	8.92	(a)	570,501 1,146,513
Rick Dillon	Non-Contributory Defined Pension Plan	0.0	(a)	—
Jesse Gary	Non-Contributory Defined Pension Plan	4.83	(a)	99,251
John Hoerner	Non-Contributory Defined Pension Plan	3.33	(a)	166,385
Michelle Harrison	Non-Contributory Defined Pension Plan Supplemental Retirement Income Benefit Plan (SERP)	14.67	(a)	408,484 126,434

(a) Under the Qualified Plan, as amended, participants who are under age 50 years of age are no longer eligible for future accruals.

Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control Amended and Restated Executive Severance Plan

As noted above, in June 2014, the Company terminated the existing severance plan and adopted the A&R Executive Severance Plan to provide for benefits that we believe are more consistent with current executive compensation trends. The Company also amended and restated our Stock Incentive Plan and our Long-Term Incentive Plan to conform these plans to the A&R Executive Severance Plan. The material differences between the A&R Executive Severance Plan and the previous plan are the removal of excise tax gross-ups, the provision of tiered severance benefits based on the circumstances of the termination of employment and revisions to the definitions of “change in control” and “good reason.” Each of the Company's named executive officers is a participant in the A&R Executive Severance Plan.

Under the terms of the A&R Executive Severance Plan, upon a termination of employment outside of a Change in Control Protection Period or an Acquisition Protection Period (each as defined below) either (1) by the Company other than “for cause” or (2) by the executive for “good reason,” the executive is entitled to receive termination payments equal to: (i) 18 months, for a Tier 1 participant, 12 months, for a Tier 2 participant, or 6 months, for a Tier 3 participant, of the executive's base salary as of the date of termination; and (ii) a pro-rata portion of the executive's annual incentive bonus for the year of termination, as determined in good faith by the Company's Board of Directors or Compensation Committee. The A&R Executive Severance Plan does not provide for accelerated vesting of outstanding equity unless termination occurs during an Acquisition Protection Period or a Change in Control Protection Period.

Upon termination of employment during an Acquisition Protection Period (defined generally as the 6 months preceding and the 24 month period following the date of any acquisition by the Company of securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power or all of the assets or employees of another entity) either (1) by the Company other than “for cause” or (2) by the executive for “good reason” and the executive's title or responsibilities are assumed by an employee of the acquired company, the executive is entitled to receive termination payments equal to (i) and (ii) above (except that the pro-rata portion of the executive's annual incentive bonus is calculated using the target bonus) plus 1.5 times, for a Tier 1 participant, 1 times, for a Tier 2 participant, or 0.5 times, for a Tier 3 participant, of the executive's target bonus for the year of termination. Upon termination of employment during an Acquisition Protection Period, the executive shall also be entitled to receive a pro-rata portion of outstanding incentive awards at target.

Upon termination of employment during a Change in Control Protection Period (defined generally as the 6 months preceding and the 24 month period following the date of any “change in control” of the Company) either (1) by the Company other than “for cause” or (2) by the executive for “good reason,” the executive is entitled to receive termination payments equal to: (i) in the case of termination on or prior to December 31, 2015, 2.5 times, for a Tier 1 participant, 2 times, for a Tier 2 participant, or 1.5 times, for a Tier 3 participant, or, in the case of termination after December 31, 2015, 2 times, for a Tier 1 participant, 1.5 times, for a Tier 2 participant, or 1 times, for a Tier 3 participant, the sum of the executive’s base salary plus his or her target bonus for the year in which termination occurs and (ii) a pro-rata portion of the executive’s target annual incentive bonus for the year of termination. Upon termination of employment during a Change in Control Protection Period, the executive shall also be entitled to receive all outstanding incentive awards at target.

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Following the adoption of our A&R Executive Severance Plan, and in consideration for Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison being named as a Tier 1 and Tier 2 participant, respectively, in the A&R Executive Severance Plan, the Company agreed with each of Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison, as applicable, to terminate the employment agreement with Mr. Bless and the severance protection agreements with each of Mr. Bless and Ms. Harrison, thereby moving all severance and change-in-control benefits to plan documents and creating at-will employment relationships with all of our executives. We are no longer party to any individual employment agreement or severance protection agreement with any of our executive officers. All of the Company's other named executive officers have been approved by the Committee as Tier 2 participants in the A&R Executive Severance Plan.

Equity Awards

In the event of termination due to death, disability or retirement after age 62, performance units and time-vested performance share units vest pro-rata based on the number of days of the plan period which have passed prior to termination due to retirement, death or disability, or in such greater amount as shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion. Performance units will be paid out after determination by the Committee of the achievement of the applicable performance measures.

Unless otherwise provided in an agreement between the Company and the executive, in the event of termination of employment for any other reason, all outstanding options and unvested performance units and time-vested performance shares are forfeited.

409A and other tax considerations

Any amounts payable to each officer by reason of his termination of employment that are determined to constitute payments of "nonqualified deferred compensation," as that term is used for purposes of Section 409A of the Code, shall be payable, together with interest thereon, on the first business day of the seventh month following his termination of employment.

The Code imposes certain excise taxes on, and limits the deductibility of, certain compensatory payments made by a corporation to or for the benefit of certain individuals if such payments are contingent upon certain changes in the ownership or effective control of the corporation or the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the corporation, provided that such payments to the individual have an aggregate present value in excess of three times the individual's annualized includible compensation for the base period, as defined in the Code. All benefits afforded the named executive officers under the severance compensation agreements are included in the amounts set forth in the "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control" table below.

Estimated Severance and Change in Control Payments

The following table sets forth the amount of compensation payable to each of our current named executive officers upon termination following a change of control or qualifying acquisition, involuntary termination for cause, involuntary termination not-for-cause, death, disability, retirement and voluntary resignation. The amounts shown assume that such termination was effective as of December 31, 2014. The actual amount to be paid can only be determined at the time of such executive's termination.

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Potential Payments upon Termination or Change of Control Table

Named Executive Officer	Voluntary	By Company without Cause or by Officer with Good Reason	By Company with Cause	Retirement	Disability	Death	Following a Change in Control	Following a Qualifying Acquisition by the Company
Michael Bless								
Salary	\$—	\$1,237,500	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$2,062,500	\$1,237,500
Bonus	—	825,000	(a)—	825,000	825,000	825,000	2,887,500	2,062,500
Qualified Retirement Benefits	570,501	(b)570,501	(b)570,501	(b)570,501	(b)570,501	(b)285,251	(c)570,501	(b)570,501
SERP	1,146,513	(b)1,146,513	(b)1,146,513	(b)1,146,513	(b)1,146,513	(b)573,257	(c)1,146,513	(b)1,146,513
Performance Shares	—	—	—	1,078,936	1,078,936	(d)1,078,936	(d)2,132,731	(d)1,078,936
Performance Units	—	—	—	1,267,385	1,267,385	(e)1,267,385	(e)2,674,725	(e)1,267,385
Insurance Continuation	—	39,269	—	—	—	—	39,269	39,269
Total	\$1,717,014	\$3,818,783	\$1,717,014	\$4,888,335	\$4,888,335	\$4,029,829	\$11,513,739	7,402,600