

Kempthorne Dirk A  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Kempthorne Dirk A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 5096 RICHMOND ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/01/2011

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

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A) or (D)                                                        | Code                                                                                          | V                                                        | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
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| Derivative Security    |     |            | (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |       | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
|------------------------|-----|------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                        |     |            | Code                                           | V     |                  |                 |              |                            |
| Restricted Share Units | (1) | 03/01/2011 | A                                              | 1,800 | (2)              | (2)             | Common Stock | 1,800                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Kempthorne Dirk A<br>5096 RICHMOND ROAD<br>BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Dirk A.  
Kempthorne 03/02/2011

    Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Each restricted share unit represents a right to receive one share of Olympic Steel, Inc. common stock.
- (2) The restricted share units generally vest January 1, 2012, subject to earlier vesting in certain circumstances set forth in the award agreement, but will not be delivered to the reporting person until the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors.

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