

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
 SCHNITZER GARY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC [SCHN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3200 NW YEON AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

PORTLAND, OR 97210

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/26/2009 | | M | | 13,116 | A | \$ 4.67 |
| | | | | | 28,495 | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 01/26/2009 | | S | | 13,116 | D | \$ 38.001 |
| | | | | | 15,379 | | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Class B Common Stock | (1) | | | | | (1) | (1) | Class A Common Stock | 25,333 |
| Option to Buy | \$ 4.67 | 01/26/2009 | | M | 13,116 | (3) | 06/01/2010 | Class A Common Stock | 13,116 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SCHNITZER GARY 3200 NW YEON AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97210 | | X | Executive Vice President | |
| WILDER SANDRA 3200 NW YEON AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97210 | | X | | |

Signatures

Richard C. Josephson,
Attorney-In-Fact

01/26/2009

__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) Class B Common Stock is immediately convertible on a one-for-one basis into Class A Common Stock and has no expiration date.
- (2) Voting trust certificates or shares, as the case may be, are held by Gary A. Schnitzer and Deborah Novack, Trustees, Gary A. Schnitzer Family Trust dated May 15, 1991.
- (3) The option was granted for 65,583 shares on 6/1/00 and became exercisable for 20% of the shares on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.

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