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ITEM 5.02 (B) DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

On December 28, 2004, William R. Hampshire, a member of the board of directors, advised the company that he will be resigning as a director, effective December 31, 2004.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY

Date: December 29, 2004  
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By: /s/ Gerald J. Kitchen  
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Name: Gerald J. Kitchen  
Title: Executive Vice President,  
General Counsel, Chief  
Administrative Officer and  
Secretary

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