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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Nume and Address of Reporting reison |         |       | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>NL INDUSTRIES INC</u> [ NL ] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner  |
|---|---------|-------|---|---|
| (Lact) (Eirct) (Middlo)                 |         | . ,   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>11/15/2004                        | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  |
| (Street)<br>DALLAS                      | ,       |       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                              | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |
| (City)                                  | (State) | (Zip) |   |   |

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

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|---------------------------------|--|--|--------------|---|---|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|--|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                       |  | Code (Instr. |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and<br>5) |               |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|                                 |  |  | Code         | v | Amount  | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                |   | (1130.4)  |  |
| Common stock \$0.125 par value  | 11/15/2004   |  | G            |   | 1,000   | D             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 0   | D   |   |  |

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

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | of  |     | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr. 3<br>and 4) |       | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--|---|-------|---|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares              |  |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-<u>11/16/2004</u>

in-fact, for Cecil H. Moore, Jr.

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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