

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VALHI HOLDING CO</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>5430 LBJ FREEWAY</u> <u>SUITE 1700</u> (Street) <u>DALLAS TX 75240</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/25/2005</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NL INDUSTRIES INC [NL]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock \$0.125 par value	40,350,931	I	by Valhi ⁽¹⁾
Common stock \$0.125 par value	222,100	I	by TFMC ⁽²⁾

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

- Directly held by Valhi, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as an exhibit to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.
- Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as an exhibit to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.

A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, 11/16/2005
for Valhi Holding Company

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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Valhi, Inc. ("Valhi"), and TIMET Finance Management Company ("TFMC"), Harold C. Simmons and his spouse are the direct holders of approximately 83.1%, 0.5%, 0.1% and 0.1%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of the issuer, NL Industries, Inc. ("NL"). Titanium Metals Corporation ("TIMET") is the sole stockholder of TFMC.

Tremont LLC ("Tremont"), Harold C. Simmons' spouse, The Combined Master Retirement Trust (the "CMRT"), Valhi and Harold C. Simmons are the direct holders of approximately 39.5%, 14.6%, 12.0%, 4.5% and 1.4% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock. The ownership of Ms. Simmons includes 2,666,666 shares of TIMET's common stock that she has the right to acquire upon conversion of 1,600,000 shares of the TIMET's 6 3/4% Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Series A Preferred Stock"), that she holds directly. The ownership of Valhi includes 24,500 shares of the TIMET's common stock that Valhi has the right to acquire upon conversion of 14,700 shares of Series A Preferred Stock that Valhi directly holds. The percentage ownership of TIMET's common stock held by Ms. Simmons and Valhi assumes the full conversion of only the shares of Series A Preferred Stock owned by her or Valhi, respectively.

Valhi is the direct holder of 100% of the outstanding membership interests of Tremont. Valhi Holding Company ("VHC"), the Harold Simmons Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), the Contran Deferred Compensation Trust No. 2 (the "CDCT No. 2") and the CMRT are the direct holders of 90.7%, 0.9%, 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively, of the common stock of Valhi. Valhi Group, Inc. ("VGI"), National City Lines, Inc. ("National") and Contran Corporation ("Contran") are the direct holders of 87.4%, 10.3% and 2.3%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of VHC. National, NOA, Inc. ("NOA") and Dixie Holding Company ("Dixie Holding") are the direct holders of approximately 73.3%, 11.4% and 15.3%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of VGI. Contran and NOA are the direct holders of approximately 85.7% and 14.3%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of National. Contran and Southwest Louisiana Land Company, Inc. ("Southwest") are the direct holders of approximately 49.9% and 50.1%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of NOA. Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc. ("Dixie Rice") is the direct holder of 100% of the outstanding common stock of Dixie Holding. Contran is the holder of 100% of the outstanding common stock of Dixie Rice. Contran is also the holder of approximately 88.9% of the outstanding common stock of Southwest.

Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by trusts established for the benefit of certain children and grandchildren of Harold C. Simmons (the "Trusts"), of which Mr. Simmons is the sole trustee, or is held by Mr. Simmons or persons or entities related to Mr. Simmons. As sole trustee of the Trusts, Mr. Simmons has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the shares of Contran stock held by the Trusts. Mr. Simmons, however, disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of Contran stock that the Trusts hold.

The Foundation directly holds approximately 0.9% of the outstanding Valhi common stock. The Foundation is a tax-exempt foundation organized for charitable purposes. Harold C. Simmons is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the Foundation and may be deemed to control the Foundation.

The CDCT No. 2 directly holds approximately 0.4% of the outstanding Valhi common stock. U.S. Bank National Association serves as the trustee of the CDCT No. 2. Contran established the CDCT No. 2 as an irrevocable "rabbi trust" to assist Contran in meeting certain deferred compensation obligations that it owed to Harold C. Simmons. If the CDCT No. 2 assets are insufficient to satisfy such obligations, Contran is obligated to satisfy the balance of such obligations as they come due. Pursuant to the terms of the CDCT No. 2, Contran (i) retains the power to vote the shares of Valhi common stock held directly by the CDCT No. 2; (ii) retains dispositive power over such shares and (iii) may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of such shares.

The CMRT directly holds approximately 12.0% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 0.1% of the outstanding shares of Valhi common stock. Valhi established the CMRT to permit the collective investment by master trusts that maintain the assets of certain employee benefit plans Valhi and related companies adopt. Harold C. Simmons is the sole trustee of the CMRT and a member of the trust investment committee for the CMRT. Valhi's board of directors selects the trustee and members of the trust investment committee for the CMRT. Mr. Simmons is a participant in one or more of the employee benefit plans that invest through the CMRT. He disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares held by the CMRT, except to the extent of his individual vested beneficial interest, if any, in the assets held by the CMRT.

Harold C. Simmons is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the issuer and the chairman of the board of each of Tremont, Valhi, VHC, VGI, National, NOA, Dixie Holding, Dixie Rice, Southwest and Contran.

By virtue of the holding of the offices, the stock ownership and his service as trustee, all as described above, (a) Mr. Simmons may be deemed to control the entities described above and (b) Mr. Simmons and certain of such entities may be deemed to possess indirect beneficial ownership of shares of NL common stock that Valhi and TFCM hold directly. However, Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of NL common stock beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, by any of such entities.

NL and a subsidiary of NL directly own 3,522,967 shares and 1,186,200 shares, respectively, of Valhi common stock. Pursuant to Delaware law, Valhi treats the shares of Valhi common stock that NL and the subsidiary of NL own directly as treasury stock for voting purposes and for the purposes of this statement are not deemed outstanding.

Harold C. Simmons' spouse is the direct owner of 65,000 shares of TIMET common stock, 1,600,000 shares of the Series A Preferred stock, 69,475 shares of NL common stock and 43,400 shares of Valhi common stock. Mr. Simmons may be deemed to share indirect beneficial ownership of such securities. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities that his spouse holds directly.

Mr. Harold C. Simmons is the direct owner of 31,800 shares of the issuer's common stock (including options exercisable for 4,000 shares), 221,200 shares of TIMET common stock and 3,383 shares of Valhi common stock.

A trust of which Harold C. Simmons and his spouse are co-trustees and the beneficiaries are the grandchildren of his spouse is the direct holder of 36,500 shares of Valhi common stock. Mr. Simmons, as co-trustee of this trust, has the power to vote and direct the disposition of the shares of Valhi common stock the trust holds. Mr. Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares of Valhi common stock that this trust holds.