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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SIMMONS HAROLD C</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>THREE LINCOLN CENTRE</u> <u>5430 LBJ FREEWAY STE 1700</u> (Street) <u>DALLAS TX 75240-2697</u> (City) (State) (Zip)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NL INDUSTRIES INC [NL]</u>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chairman of the Board and CEO</u>	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/18/2007</u>			
			4. 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		400	A	\$9.79	611,900	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		200	A	\$9.78	612,100	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		100	A	\$9.8	612,200	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		300	A	\$9.85	612,500	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		100	A	\$9.89	612,600	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		700	A	\$9.9	613,300	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		100	A	\$9.95	613,400	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		200	A	\$9.98	613,600	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		3,300	A	\$9.99	616,900	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value	12/18/2007		P		300	A	\$9.93	617,200	D	
Common Stock \$0.125 par value								40,387,531	I	By Valhi ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock \$0.125 par value								222,100	I	By TFMC ⁽²⁾
Common Stock \$0.125 par value								269,775	I	By Spouse ⁽³⁾

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
						(A) (D)			Title Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Directly held by Valhi, Inc. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.
2. Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.

3. Directly held by the Reporting Person's spouse. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

Remarks:

Exhibit Index 99 Additional Information

A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-
in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons

12/20/2007

** 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 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).

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Exhibit 99
Additional Information

Valhi, Inc. ("Valhi"), Harold C. Simmons, Harold C. Simmons' spouse and TIMET Finance Management Company ("TFMC") are the direct holders of approximately 83.1%, 1.3%, 0.6% and 0.5%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of the issuer, NL Industries, Inc. ("NL"). Titanium Metals Corporation ("TIMET") is the sole stockholder of TFMC.

Valhi Holding Company ("VHC"), Annette C. Simmons, The Combined Master Retirement Trust (the "CMRT"), Harold C. Simmons, NL Industries, Inc. ("NL"), Valhi, Inc. ("Valhi"), the Harold Simmons Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), the Contran Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Trust (the "CDCT") and Contran Corporation ("Contran") are the holders of approximately 26.5%, 11.6%, 8.4%, 3.8%, 0.8%, 0.5%, 0.2%, 0.1% and less than 0.1%, respectively, of the outstanding shares of common stock of TIMET. NL's percentage ownership of TIMET common stock includes 0.3% directly held by a subsidiary of NL.

VHC, the Foundation, the CDCT and the CMRT are the direct holders of 92.5%, 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 are the direct holders of 88.6%, 10.4% and 1.0%, respectively, of the outstanding common stock of VHC. National, NOA, Inc. ("NOA") and Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc. ("Dixie Rice") 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. Contran is the holder of 100% of the outstanding common stock of Dixie Rice and 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.

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 TIMET, Valhi, VHC, VGI, National, NOA, Dixie Rice, Southwest and Contran.

The Foundation directly holds approximately 0.2% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 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 directly holds approximately 0.1% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 0.2% of the outstanding Valhi common stock. U.S. Bank National Association serves as the trustee of the CDCT. Contran established the CDCT as an irrevocable "rabbi trust" to assist Contran in meeting certain deferred compensation obligations that it owed to Harold C. Simmons. If the CDCT 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, Contran (i) retains the power to vote the shares of Valhi common stock held directly by the CDCT; (ii) retains dispositive power over such shares and (iii) may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner of such shares.

The CMRT directly holds approximately 8.4% of the outstanding shares of TIMET common stock and 0.1% of the outstanding shares of Valhi common stock. Contran sponsors the CMRT to permit the collective investment by master trusts that maintain the assets of certain employee benefit plans Contran 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. Contran'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 or the CDCT, except to the extent of his individual vested beneficial interest, if any, in the assets held by the CMRT or the CDCT.

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 TFMC 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.

Annette C. Simmons is the wife of Harold C. Simmons and direct owner of 269,775 of the issuer's common stock, 1,561,815 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock, 343,675 shares of TIMET 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 617,200 shares of the issuer's common stock, 6,894,239 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 17,432 shares of TIMET common stock and 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.