MEATHE JAMES Form 4

May 06, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 5

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MEATHE JAMES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(Middle)

OLYMPIC STEEL INC [ZEUS]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First)

5096 RICHMOND ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title below)

05/02/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

(Street)

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acqu | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) | 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) |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2008 | | M | 7,000 | A | | 12,200 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/02/2008 | | S | 7,000 | D | \$ 51.25 (1) | 5,200 | D | |

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)

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| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | Transaction Derivative Code Securities | | cisable and ate '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 |
| Director Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.63 | 05/02/2008 | | M | 7,000 | (2) | 04/30/2011 | Common Stock | 7,000 |

Reporting Owners

| eporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |

MEATHE JAMES 5096 RICHMOND ROAD X BEDFORD HEIGHTS, OH 44146

Signatures

/s/ James B. 05/06/2008 Meathe

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) Weighted average sale price of transactions effected between \$50.99 and \$51.29 for all shares sold on May 2, 2008.
- (2) This option became exercisable in five equal annual installments beginning April 30, 2002.

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