

VALHI INC /DE/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**CONTRAN CORP**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VALHI INC /DE/ [VHI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/16/2008**

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

**DALLAS, TX 75240**

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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, \$0.01 par value per share | 07/16/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 200 A \$ 24.36  | 1,075,043   | I  | by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>                                |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 07/18/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 A \$ 24.45  | 1,076,043   | I  | by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>                                |
| Common stock,                            | 07/18/2008                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 A \$ 24.48  | 1,077,043   | I  | by TFMC <sup>(2)</sup>                                |

\$0.01 par value per share

Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share

105,140,163 I

by VHC  
(3)

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)

| 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| CONTRAN CORP<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700<br>DALLAS, TX 75240                    |               | X         |                       |       |
| VALHI HOLDING CO<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700<br>DALLAS, TX 75240                |               | X         |                       |       |
| DIXIE RICE AGRICULTURE CORP INC<br>5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700<br>DALLAS, TX 75240 |               | X         |                       |       |
|   | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board |       |

SIMMONS HAROLD C  
5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700  
DALLAS, TX 75240

## Signatures

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Robert D. Graham, Vice President, for Contran Corporation                       | 07/18/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |
| Robert D. Graham, Vice President, for Valhi Holding Company                     | 07/18/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |
| Robert D. Graham, Vice President, for Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc. | 07/18/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |
| Robert D. Graham, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons                       | 07/18/2008 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person   | Date       |

## 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) Open market purchase by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships to 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 to the persons joining in this filing.
  - (3) Directly held by Valhi Holding Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship among the persons joining in this filing.

### Remarks:

Exhibit Index:

Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

Harold C. Simmons and Annette C. Simmons own 3,383 and 43,400 shares, respectively, of the common stock of the issuer. I

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