

Steel Excel Inc.  
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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 \*  
**LICHTENSTEIN WARREN G**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P., 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10022**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**Steel Excel Inc. [SXCL.PK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/25/2012**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President of Subsidiary / See Explanation of Responses

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or (D) Price		
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	05/25/2012		M		2,500 (1)	A	\$ 0 6,625
						D	(2)

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. P... Der... Sec... (Ins...	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	05/25/2012		M	<u>1</u> (3)	05/25/2012	05/25/2012	Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LICHTENSTEIN WARREN G C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022	X		President of Subsidiary	See Explanation of Responses

## Signatures

By: /s/ Jack L. Howard, as Attorney in Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein 05/30/2012

\*\*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) Shares of common stock received in connection with the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit granted on May 25, 2011.
- (2) The Reporting Person is also a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding common stock.
- (3) Represents a Restricted Stock Unit under the Issuer's 2006 Director Plan covering 2,500 shares of the Issuer's common stock that became fully vested on May 25, 2012.

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