

CENTURY ALUMINUM CO
Form SC 13D/A
September 16, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 12)

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY

Name of Issuer

COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

156431 10 8

(CUSIP Number)

Company Secretary
Glencore Holding AG
Baarerstattstrasse 3, P.O. Box 666
CH-6341 Baar, Switzerland
Phone: 41-709-2000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 15, 2010

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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(b)
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)
WC, AF
 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Switzerland
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| Each | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power: None |
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Explanatory Note:

This Amendment No. 12 ("Amendment No. 12") to the statement on Schedule 13D originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Glencore AG, Glencore International AG and Glencore Holding AG on April 12, 2001, and amended on May 25, 2004, November 27, 2007, July 8, 2008, July 21, 2008, January 28, 2009, February 4, 2009, May 4, 2009, March 22, 2010, April 7, 2010, July 2, 2010 and July 6, 2010 (as so amended, the "Schedule 13D"), relating to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of Century Aluminum Company (the "Company"), amends and restates the Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 12 reflects changes to Items 5 and 6 of the Schedule 13D.

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Century Aluminum Company, a Delaware corporation.

The Company's principal executive office is located at 2511 Garden Road, Building A, Suite 200, Monterey, California 93940.

Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) — (c) and (f) This statement on Schedule 13D is being filed by Glencore International AG ("Glencore International"), Glencore Holding AG ("Glencore Holding") and Glencore AG ("Glencore AG" and together with Glencore International and Glencore Holding, the "Reporting Persons"). Each of Glencore International, Glencore Holding and Glencore AG is a company organized under the laws of Switzerland with a business address at Baarerstattstrasse 3, CH-6341 Baar, Switzerland. Glencore Holding is the controlling shareholder of Glencore International which, together with its subsidiaries, including Glencore AG, is a leading privately held, diversified natural resources group. Glencore AG is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Glencore International. The name, address, citizenship and present principal occupation or employment of each of the directors and executive officers of each Reporting Person, as well as the names, principal businesses and addresses of any corporations and other organizations in which such employment is conducted, are set forth on Schedule 1 hereto, which Schedule 1 is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) — (e) None of the Reporting Persons nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed on Schedule 1 hereto has during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors). None of the Reporting Persons nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of the persons listed on Schedule 1 hereto has during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Since the Company's initial public offering of Common Stock and the registration of Common Stock under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in April 1996, the Reporting Persons have purchased an aggregate of 19,174,968 additional shares of Common Stock (not including shares of Common Stock issued or issuable upon conversion of preferred stock owned by the Reporting Persons or pursuant to options or other compensatory grants issued to Mr. Willy R. Strothotte, a director of the Company, who holds such options or other grants as nominee for the Reporting Persons) in registered public offerings by the Company and in open market transactions, 500,000 shares of Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, from the Company in a private transaction in April 2001 (all of which were converted into 1,395,089 shares of Common Stock in May

2004), and 160,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Shares"), from the Company in a private transaction in July 2008 (of which 77,057.13 shares have since been converted into 7,705,713 shares of Common Stock).

The consideration paid by the Reporting Persons for the 19,174,968 shares of Common Stock, the 500,000 shares of Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and the 160,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock was \$354,954,264, \$25,000,000 and \$1,090,259,200, respectively, in cash, all of which was obtained from the Reporting Persons' internal working capital.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction

Since the Company's initial public offering, in which the Reporting Persons sold approximately 60% of their Common Stock of the Company, the Reporting Persons have held the Common Stock, and have acquired additional securities of the Company, for investment purposes.

The Reporting Persons may hold discussions with the Company's management and Board of Directors and other parties, including but not limited to other stockholders and third parties, or otherwise consider actions which could include discussions or actions that result in the occurrence of one or more of the actions or events described in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons' consideration or discussion of any action would be based on their own assessment of various relevant considerations and any subsequent developments affecting the Company and its prospects.

The Reporting Persons are party to a Standstill and Governance Agreement and a Letter Agreement with the Company. Reference is made to the discussion of the Standstill and Governance Agreement and the Letter Agreement in Item 6 below.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) The Reporting Persons beneficially own 36,252,503 shares of Common Stock, or 39.08% of the outstanding Common Stock. The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons (other than shares subject to options issued to Mr. Strothotte as further described below) are held directly by Glencore AG. The shares reported as beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons: (i) do not include the 8,266,101 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the 82,661.01 shares of the Company's Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Series A Preferred Stock"), held directly by Glencore AG that are convertible only (a) upon the occurrence of events that have not transpired, or (b) in circumstances that would not result in an increase in the percentage of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons, and (ii) include 19,000 shares subject to presently exercisable options held directly by Mr. Willy R. Strothotte, who holds such options as nominee for the Reporting Persons. The aggregate number and percentage of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each person (other than the Reporting Persons) listed in Schedule 1 hereto is set forth opposite his or her name on Schedule 1 hereto. The beneficial ownership percentages reported herein are based upon (i) the 92,738,877 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of August 4, 2010, as reported in the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2010, plus (ii) 19,000 shares which are subject to presently exercisable options which are held directly by Mr. Strothotte as nominee for the Reporting Persons. Reference is made to the discussion of the terms of the Certificate of Designation for the Series A Preferred Stock in Item 6 below.

(b) The Reporting Persons share the power to vote or to direct the vote and dispose or to direct the disposition of 36,252,503 shares of Common Stock. To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, each person (other than the Reporting Persons and any person holding shares as nominee for the Reporting Persons) named in Item 2 has the sole power to vote or to direct the vote and dispose or to direct the disposition of the number of shares of Common Stock set forth opposite his or her name on Schedule 1 hereto.

(c) None of the Reporting Persons nor, to their knowledge, any of the persons named in Item 2 have engaged in any transaction in Common Stock during the sixty days immediately preceding the date hereof.

(d) None.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

On July 7, 2008 the Company entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with Glencore Investment Pty ("Glencore Investment Pty") pursuant to which Glencore Investment Pty purchased the Preferred Shares. The following represents a summary of the terms of the agreements and instruments relating to the July 7, 2008 purchase of the Preferred Shares that remain in effect:

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Certificate of Designation: The rights and privileges of the Series A Preferred Stock are set forth in a Certificate of Designation filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on July 7, 2008 (the "Certificate of Designation"). The following summarizes the material terms of the Series A Preferred Stock, as reflected in the Certificate of Designation:

Dividends. Dividends will be declared and paid on the Series A Preferred Stock when, as and if, and in the same amounts (on an as-converted basis), declared and paid on the Common Stock.

Voting. The Series A Preferred Stock has no voting rights, except to vote as a separate class on any proposal to or that would amend, alter or repeal or otherwise change any provision of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or the Certificate of Designation if such amendment would increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of Series A Preferred Stock, increase or decrease the par value of the Series A Preferred Stock or alter or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the shares of the Series A Preferred Stock.

Liquidation Preference. Upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to a liquidation preference of \$0.01 per share, and thereafter are entitled to share ratably (on an as-converted basis) with the Common Stock in the distribution of any remaining assets (net of an amount equivalent to the aggregate amount of the liquidation preference).

Automatic Conversion. The Series A Preferred Stock shall be automatically converted into shares of Common Stock at a conversion ratio of 100 shares of Common Stock for each share of Series A Preferred Stock (the "Conversion Ratio") upon the occurrence of the following events: (i) any event that would dilute the Reporting Persons' percentage ownership of Common Stock, to the extent necessary to maintain the same percentage ownership as immediately prior to the diluting event; (ii) the sale or other transfer of Series A Preferred Stock to non-affiliates of the Reporting Persons, and (iii) upon the consummation of any merger or business combination transaction involving the Company or the sale of all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries, unless the consideration in the transaction is other than cash or marketable securities and the Reporting Persons have voted their Common Stock against the transaction (in which case, the Series A Preferred Stock will be redeemed as described below).

Optional Conversion. At the option of each holder, the Series A Preferred Stock may be converted into Common Stock at the Conversion Ratio and tendered into a tender or exchange offer in which a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock have been tendered.

Mandatory Redemption. If (i) the Company proposes (x) to engage in a merger or business combination transaction involving the Company or to sell all or substantially all of the property or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries in a transaction where the consideration payable to the holders of Common Stock is other than cash, marketable securities or shares of the Company's subsidiaries, or (y) to dissolve and wind up (other than as part of a transaction contemplated by (x)) and assets other than cash, marketable securities or shares of the Company's subsidiaries will be distributed to the Company's stockholders, and (ii) the Reporting Persons vote any and all of their Common Stock against the proposal, the Company must redeem all of the Series A Preferred Stock at a redemption price equivalent to the average of the closing price for the Common Stock on Nasdaq for twenty (20) trading days starting twenty-two (22) trading days before the first public announcement of the Company's proposal.

Preemptive Rights. If the Company proposes to issue or sell, in a transaction directed to holders of Common Stock, any Common Stock or other stock ranking on parity with the Common Stock (or any securities convertible or exchangeable for, or any options, warrants or other rights to subscribe for, such stock) (but excluding issuances to employees and issuances triggered under a stockholders rights plan by acquisitions by the Reporting Persons') at a price below the average of the closing price for the Common Stock on Nasdaq for twenty (20) trading days starting twenty-two (22) trading days before the Board of Directors authorizes such issuance or sale, the holders of Series A

Preferred Stock must be given the opportunity to participate in such issuance on an as-converted basis.

Transfer Restrictions. Except for transfers to pledgees (subject to certain conditions), the Series A Preferred Stock may be transferred only in widely-distributed public offerings or in transactions that comply with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and following any such transfer, will automatically convert to Common Stock.

Standstill and Governance Agreement: In connection with the Stock Purchase Agreement, on July 7, 2008 Glencore AG and the Company entered into a Standstill and Governance Agreement (the "Governance Agreement"). Certain standstill obligations of Glencore AG and its affiliates under the Governance Agreement expired on each of April 8, 2009 and January 7, 2010. No standstill obligations under the Governance Agreement are currently binding on Glencore AG or any of its affiliates. The following is a summary of the material terms of the Governance Agreement that remain in effect today:

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Board Representation. The Reporting Persons will have the right to designate a nominee for election to the Board of Directors, subject to the consent of the nominating committee. This right will terminate if the Reporting Persons (and their affiliates) beneficially own less than 10% of the Common Stock for a period of three continuous months.

Registration Rights Agreement: On July 7, 2008, Glencore Investment Pty and the Company entered into a Registration Rights Agreement, containing customary terms and conditions (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company has agreed to register the Preferred Shares for resale by the Reporting Persons and their affiliates and any of their respective pledgees. Sales under the Registration Rights Agreement must be made in open market transactions that comply with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in widely distributed public offerings. The Reporting Persons, their affiliates and any of their respective pledgees are entitled to demand up to six registrations from and after November 5, 2008 and subject to certain customary restrictions, may at any time participate in registered offerings initiated by the Company for its own account or the account of other stockholders. Under the Certificate of Designation, Preferred Shares sold under the Registration Rights Agreement will automatically convert to shares of Common Stock upon such sale. Subject to the restriction on the number of demand registrations, the registration rights will continue until the Common Stock issued upon conversion of the Preferred Shares are sold under an effective registrati