HOWELL LEO A Form 4

January 10, 2005

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **HOWELL LEO A** Issuer Symbol COMMERCIAL METALS CO (Check all applicable) [CMC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X_ Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ _ Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) **BOX 99** 01/10/2005 VP & Howell Metal Co. Pres. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting QUICKSBURG, VA 22847 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secur | ities Acqui | red, Disposed of, | 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. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, | ed of (| ` ′ | 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 | 01/10/2005 | | S | 15,200 (1) | D | \$ 25.675 (2) | 13,040 (3) | D | |
| Common | | | | | | | 186,116 | I | by Trust |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | Title Number | | | |
| | | | | C 1 W | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Other Director 10% Owner Officer

HOWELL LEO A

BOX 99 X VP & Howell Metal Co. Pres.

QUICKSBURG, VA 22847

Signatures

By: DAVID M. SUDBURY For: A. LEO 01/10/2005 **HOWELL**

> **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).
- Includes the additional shares to be delivered to the buyer pursuant to due bills attributable to the 2 for 1 stock split in the form of a stock **(1)** dividend to holders of record December 13, 2004 to be distributed January 10, 2005.
- The per share price has been adjusted to reflect the per share price for all shares, including those represented by due bills resulting from **(2)** the 2 for 1 stock split in the form of a stock dividend to holders of record December 13, 2004 to be distributed January 10, 2005.
- Includes the additional shares resulting from the 2 for 1 stock split in the form of a stock dividend to holders of record December 13, 2004 to be distributed January 10, 2005.

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