FORM 4

SPH Group LLC

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C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SPH Group Holdings LLC | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Steel Excel Inc. [SXCL.PK] | | | | | | | | | | plicable) | • | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. 590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2012 | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Other below) | (specify) | |
| 590 MA | DISON AV | ENUE, 32ND F | LOOR | | 4. 1 | f Amer | ndme | nt, Date | of Origi | nal File | ed (Month/Da | ay/Year) | | 6. Indi | ividual (| or Joint/Group | o Filin | g (Check A | Applicable |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10022 | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (St | | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of | Security (Inst | | le I - N | 2. Transa Date (Month/D | ction | 2A. Exe | Deem cution | | 3. Transa Code 8) | action | 4. Securitie Disposed C | s Acquii | ed (A) o | r | 5. Am Secu Bene | nount of rities ficially ed Following | Forn (D) o | wnership n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indire Benefici Ownersh (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | r Pric | е | Trans | saction(s) : 3 and 4) | | | (|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 ⁽¹⁾ | | | 05/07/ | 5/07/2012 | | | | P | | 5,700 | A | \$2 | 7.9651 | | 4,417,181 | | D ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 ⁽¹⁾ | | | 05/08/ | | | | | P | | 16,695 | A | <u> </u> | 3.0457 | | 4,433,876 | | D ⁽²⁾ | | |
| | | Ta | able II · | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | | wned | l | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Executi if any | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | action (Instr. | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea | | ate | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | Der Sec (Ins | Price of rivative curity str. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Benefici Ownersh (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exerci | sable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shares | er | | | | | |
| | | Reporting Person* lings LLC | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | (First) IERS HOLDING ENUE, 32ND F | GS L.P. | iddle) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) NEW Y | ORK | NY | 10 | 022 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | Reporting Person* | | <u>P.</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) 590 MA | DISON AV | (First) ENUE, 32ND F | • | iddle) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Name a | nd Address of | Reporting Person* | | | | \neg | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | | | | | |
| C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. | | | | | | | | |
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Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This Form 4 is filed jointly by Steel Partners Holdings L.P. ("Steel Holdings"), SPH Group LLC ("SPHG"), SPH Group Holdings LLC ("SPHG Holdings") and Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. ("Steel Holdings GP"). Steel Holdings, SPHG and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to be 10% owners of the Issuer and SPHG Holdings is a 10% owner of the Issuer.
- 2. Shares owned directly by SPHG Holdings, and owned indirectly by SPHG by virtue of it being the sole member of SPHG Holdings, by Steel Holdings by virtue of its ownership of 99% of the membership interests of SPHG, and by Steel Holdings GP by virtue of it being the general partner of Steel Holdings, the managing member of SPHG and the manager of SPHG Holdings. Steel Holdings, SPHG and Steel Holdings GP disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares owned by SPHG Holdings except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

By: SPH Group Holdings LLC,

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP

Inc., Manager, By: /s/ James F. 05/09/2012

McCabe, Jr., Chief Financial

Officer

By: Steel Partners Holdings

L.P., By: Steel Partners

Holdings GP Inc., General

<u>Partner, By: /s/ James F.</u>
05/09/2012

McCabe, Jr., Chief Financial

Officer

By: SPH Group LLC, By: Steel

Partners Holdings GP Inc.,

Managing Member, By: /s/ 05/09/2012

James F. McCabe, Jr., Chief

Financial Officer

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP

Inc., By: /s/ James F. McCabe, 05/09/2012

Jr., Chief Financial Officer

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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