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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> McNiff John P	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2012	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.</u> [ SPNHU.PK ]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L	P.	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOC	R	Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	6. Individual or Joint Applicable Line)	Group Filing (Check	
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10022					/ One Reporting Person / More than One erson	
(City) (State) (Zip)						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned						
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Common Units, no par value		60,372 <sup>(1)</sup>	D			
Common Units, no par value		73,351	I By Evelyn B Olin Irrevocable Tru		Irrevocable Trust <sup>(2)</sup>	
Common Units, no par value		16,201	Ι	By JNS Charitable Lead Annuity Trust <sup>(3)</sup>		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned           (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)						
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	(Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Form:		ersion Ownership ercise Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Expir Exercisable Date	ation Title	Amount or Number of Shares	tive or Indirect		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Consists of 54,937 Common Units and 5,435 Restricted Common Units which shall vest and become nonforfeitable as follows: 1,812 of the Restricted Common Units vest on November 28, 2012, 1,812 of the Restricted Common Units vest on November 28, 2013, and 1,811 of the Restricted Common Units vest on November 28, 2014.

2. Mr. McNiff is the co-trustee of the Evelyn B Olin Irrevocable Trust and may be deemed to have shared investment and voting power with respect to the Common Units held by the Evelyn B Olin Irrevocable Trust. Mr. McNiff disclaims beneficial ownership of such Common Units beneficially owned by the Evelyn B Olin Irrevocable Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

3. Mr. McNiff is the co-trustee of the JNS Charitable Lead Annuity Trust and may be deemed to have shared investment and voting power with respect to the Common Units held by the JNS Charitable Lead Annuity Trust. Mr. McNiff disclaims beneficial ownership of such Common Units beneficially owned by the JNS Charitable Lead Annuity Trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ John P. McNiff	02/13/2012

\*\* 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 5 (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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