

HOWELL LEO A  
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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 \*  
HOWELL LEO A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COMMERCIAL METALS CO  
[CMC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
BOX 99  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/10/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
VP & Howell Metal Co. Pres.

QUICKSBURG, VA 22847

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/10/2005		S		15,200 (1)	D	\$ 25.675 (2)
Common Stock					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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWELL LEO A BOX 99 QUICKSBURG, VA 22847	X		VP & Howell Metal Co. Pres.	

## Signatures

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

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) 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 dividend to holders of record December 13, 2004 to be distributed January 10, 2005.
- (2) The per share price has been adjusted to reflect the per share price for all shares, including those represented by due bills 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.
- (3) 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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