

SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC
Form SC 13D/A
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)*

Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

806882106

(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 16, 2003

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 806882106

1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
 Cascade Investment, L.L.C.

2. **Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)**

(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

4. **Source of Funds (See Instructions)**

WC

5. **Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)**

6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

State of Washington

7. **Sole Voting Power**

694,400*

**Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With**

8. **Shared Voting Power**

N/A

9. **Sole Dispositive Power**

694,400*

10. **Shared Dispositive Power**

N/A

11. **Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person**

694,400*

12. **Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)**

13. **Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)**

6.4%**

14. **Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)**

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* All shares of Common Stock held by Cascade may be deemed to be beneficially owned by William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade. The number of shares reflects a 2-for-1 stock split of the Issuer's Common Stock that was effected on August 14, 2003 (the "Stock Split").

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1. **Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).**
William H. Gates III

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(a)

(b)

3. **SEC Use Only**

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WC

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6. **Citizenship or Place of Organization**

United States

7. **Sole Voting Power**

694,400*

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This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 13D relates to the Class A Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Issuer") and is being filed on behalf of the undersigned to amend the Schedule 13D which was originally filed on January 5, 1998 and previously amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the SEC on September 18, 1998, by Amendment No.2, filed with the SEC on October 15, 1998, by Amendment No. 3, filed with the SEC on May 30, 2003, and by Amendment No. 4, filed with the SEC on August 5, 2003.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Reporting Persons acquired beneficial ownership of the Common Stock for investment purposes only. In August 2002, Cascade requested that the composition of the Issuer's board of directors be modified so that a majority of the directors be independent, and submitted a shareholder proposal requiring the directors to nominate a majority of independent directors. The board of directors unanimously opposed the shareholder proposal, and the holders of the Company's Class B Common Stock, with ten votes per share, almost unanimously opposed the proposal, while approximately 80% of the shares of Class A Common Stock who voted supported the proposal. The Reporting Persons have seen no indication the board of directors is prepared to move towards having a majority of independent directors. That failure, when combined with the sales of stock by the Issuer's insiders in recent periods, has convinced the Reporting Persons to reduce their stake in the Issuer.

The Reporting Persons have submitted another shareholder proposal similar to the one submitted last year requesting that the board of directors nominate a majority of independent directors to the board of directors at each annual meeting of shareholders. The Reporting Persons will continue to evaluate their ownership and voting position in the Issuer and may consider the following future courses of action, among others: (i) continuing to hold the Common Stock for investment; (ii) disposing of all or a portion of the Common Stock in open market sales or in privately-negotiated transactions; (iii) acquiring additional shares of Common Stock in the open market, through a tender offer or in privately-negotiated transactions; or (iv) entering into short sales or other hedging transactions with respect to the Common Stock. The Reporting Persons have not as yet determined which, if any, of the courses of action specified in this paragraph they may ultimately take. The Reporting Persons' future actions with regard to this investment are dependent on their evaluation of a variety of circumstances affecting the Issuer in the future, including the market price of the Issuer's Common Stock, the Issuer's prospects and Cascade's portfolio.

Except as set forth above, the Reporting Persons have not formulated any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (a) the acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer or the disposition of securities of the Issuer, (b) an extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (d) any change in the present board of directors or management of the Issuer, (e) any material change in the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy, (f) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure, (g) any change in the Issuer's charter or bylaws or other instrument corresponding thereto or other action which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person, (h) causing a class of the Issuer's securities to be deregistered or delisted, (i) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration or (j) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

The Reporting Persons and Cascade's executive officer reserve the right to determine in the future whether to change the purpose or purposes described above or whether to adopt plans or proposals of the type specified above.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a)-(b) The calculations included herein are based on a total of 10,905,200 shares of Common Stock, which is the number of shares outstanding as of July 1, 2003, as last reported by the Issuer in its Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on July 14, 2003, as adjusted for a 2-for-1 stock split that was effected on August 14, 2003 (the "Stock Split"). As of the close of business on September 25, 2003, Cascade owns 694,400 shares of Common Stock (as adjusted for the Stock Split), constituting approximately 6.4% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. All shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Cascade may be deemed to be beneficially owned by

William H. Gates III as the sole member of Cascade and Mr. Gates has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such shares.

(c) Since the filing of Amendment No. 4 to this Schedule 13D, Cascade sold a total of 142,000 shares of Common Stock (as adjusted for the Stock Split) on the dates and at the prices set forth on Exhibit 2. The sales were made for cash in open market transactions.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
Exhibit 1	Name, business address and present principal occupation of each executive officer or person controlling Cascade Investment, L.L.C.*
Exhibit 2	Dates and prices of sales of Common Stock since the filing of Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D

* Filed with Amendment No. 4, filed with the SEC on August 5, 2003.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: September 26, 2003

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By /s/ Michael Larson
Name: Michael Larson
Title: Manager

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ Michael Larson
Name: Michael Larson*
Title: Attorney-in-fact

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

We, the signatories of the statement to which this Joint Filing Agreement is attached, hereby agree that such statement is filed, and any amendments thereto filed by any or all of us will be filed, on behalf of each of us.

DATED: September 26, 2003

CASCADE INVESTMENT, L.L.C.

By /s/ Michael Larson
Name: Michael Larson
Title: Manager

WILLIAM H. GATES III

By /s/ Michael Larson
Name: Michael Larson*
Title: Attorney-in-fact

* Duly authorized under Special Power of Attorney appointing Michael Larson attorney-in-fact, dated March 14, 2001, by and on behalf of William H. Gates III, filed as Exhibit B to Cascade s Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D with respect to Pan American Silver Corp. on March 19, 2001, SEC File No. 005-52919, and incorporated by reference herein.