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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

A Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.

> (Last) (First) (Middle)

590 MADISON AVENUE,

(Street)

32ND FLOOR

NEW YORK. NYÂ 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/01/2012

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Steel Excel Inc. [SXCL.PK]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

Director __X__ 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I) (Instr. 5)

 $I^{(2)}$

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share $\frac{(1)}{4,384,399}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

owned directly or indirectly.

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. 5. Conversion or Exercise

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

By SPH Group Holdings LLC

Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

1

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Date Expiration Title Exercisable Date

Amount or Security Number of Shares Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.

590 MADISON AVENUE, 32ND FLOOR X NEW YORK, NYÂ 10022

Signatures

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc., By: /s/ Jack L. Howard, President

01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- This Form 3 is being filed by Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc. ("Steel Holdings GP") as a result of an amendment to a certain management (1) agreement with Steel Partners Holdings L.P. whereby Steel Holdings GP assumed the power to vote and dispose of securities owned directly by SPH Group Holdings LLC ("SPHG Holdings").
- Shares owned directly by SPHG Holdings and owned indirectly by Steel Holdings GP by virtue of its position as the manager of SPHG (2) Holdings. Steel Holdings GP disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned directly by SPHG Holdings except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

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