

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Witherspoon Gregory J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3200 NW YEON AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>PORTLAND</u> <u>OR</u> <u>97210</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES INC [SCHN]</u> 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>07/25/2006</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
<u>Option to Buy</u>	<u>\$34.73</u>	<u>07/25/2006</u>		<u>A</u>		<u>12,999</u>		<u>(1)</u>	<u>07/25/2016</u>	<u>Class A Common Stock</u>	<u>12,999</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>12,999</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option was granted for 12,999 shares with a vesting reference date of June 1, 2006 and becomes exercisable for 20% of the shares on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date.

Remarks:

Richard C. Josephson,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/27/2006

** 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).
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Section 16(a) Reporting)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, an officer, director and/or shareholder of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. (the "Company"), does hereby constitute and appoint John D. Carter, Richard Josephson, Kelly E. Lang and Vicki Piersall, and any one of them, his, her or its true and lawful attorney and agent to execute in his, her or its name any and all reports required to be filed under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to equity securities of the Company; and to file the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable stock exchange; and the undersigned does hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or any of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney revokes all prior Powers of Attorney relating to reporting under Section 16(a) and shall remain in effect until revoked by a subsequently filed instrument.

DATED: December 12, 2005

/s/ GREGORY J. WITHERSPOON
Gregory J. Witherspoon