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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

value per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

CONTRAN	CORP		Symbol VALHI	INC/DE	/ [VHI]			Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)				VALHI INC /DE/ [VHI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)					Director Officer (give	X 109	% Owner er (specify		
5430 LBJ FRWY, SUITE 1700			04/11/2008					below) below)				
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
DALLACT	DV 75240		Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year))			Applicable Line) Form filed by 0 _X_ Form filed by	One Reporting Per More than One Re			
DALLAS, TX 75240							Person					
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	emed on Date, if 'Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share	04/11/2008			J <u>(1)</u>	5,300	A	\$ 24.5	803,011	I	by TFMC		
Common stock, \$0.01 par								105,320,163	I	by VHC (3)		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			5. iorNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D	ate	Amou	le and unt of	8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	Year)	Secur	rlying ities . 3 and 4)	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	7 (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CONTRAN CORP 5430 LBJ FRWY SUITE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240		X						
VALHI HOLDING CO 5430 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240		X						
DIXIE RICE AGRICULTURE CORP INC 600 PASQUIERE ST GUEYDAN, LA 70542		X						
SIMMONS HAROLD C THREE LINCOLN CENTRE 5430 LBJ FREEWAY STE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240-2697	X	X	Chairman of the Board					
Signatures								
A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Contran	Corporati	on	04/15/20	08				

**Signature of Reporting Person

A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Valhi Holding Company

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**Signature of Reporting Person

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A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Dixie Rice Agricultural Corporation, Inc.

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A. Andrew R. Louis, Attorney-in-fact, for Harold C. Simmons

04/15/2008

**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) Open market purchase by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the persons joining in this filing.
- (2) Directly held by TIMET Finance Management Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the persons joining in this filing.
- (3) Directly held by Valhi Holding Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship to the persons joining in this filing.

Remarks:

Exhibit Index:

Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

Harold C. Simmons and Annette C. Simmons own 3,383 and 43,400 shares, respectively, of the common stock of the issuer. I Simmons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the issuer's common stock that his spouse owns. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationships among the persons joining in this filing.

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