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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

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(Check one):	o Form 10-K	o Form 20-F	ý Form 11-K	o Form 10-Q	o Form N-SAR
	For Period Ended:		DECEMBER 31,	2003	
	o Transition Report of	on Form 10-K			
	o Transition Report of	on Form 20-F			
	o Transition Report of	on Form 11-K			
	o Transition Report of	on Form 10-Q			
	o Transition Report of	on Form N-SAR			
	For the Transition Pe	riod Ended:			

Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type. Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

METALS USA, INC.

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

ONE RIVERWAY SUITE 1100

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

HOUSTON TX 77056

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City, State and Zip Code PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar
- ý day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
 (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

(c) The accountant's statement or other exhi PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Metals USA, Union 401(K) Plan will not be filed within the prescribed due date. Delays in gathering certain relevant data in connection with the Plan's audit have caused the delay.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

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PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

	TERRY L. FI	REEMAN	713			965-0990
	(Nam	e)	(Area Code)		(T	elephone Number)
(2)	Have all other periodic reports req Investment Company Act of 1940 such report(s) been filed? If answe	during the preceding 12 mo				
					ý Yes	o No
(3)	Is it anticipated that any significan reflected by the earnings statemen			riod for	the last fi	scal year will be ý No
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	If so, attach an explanation of the a reasonable estimate of the results of		rratively and quantitatively, and	, 11 appr	opriate, st	ate the reasons why a
		MET	ALS USA, INC.			
has cau	used this notification to be signed on		rant as Specified in Charter) ed hereunto duly authorized.			
Date	JUNE 28, 2004			By	TERR	Y L. FREEMAN
title of authori	UCTION: The form may be signed the person signing the form shall be zed representative (other than an exc ith the form.	typed or printed beneath th	e signature. If the statement is s	igned of	n behalf o	f the registrant by an
		ATTE	ENTION			
			nents or omissions of fact			
			ll Criminal Violations U.S.C. 1001).			

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1.

This form is required by Rule 12b-25 (17 CFR 240.12b-25) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

2.

One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.

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A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.

Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.

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4.

Electronic Filers. This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit a report within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T (§232.201 or §232.202 of this chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (§232.13(b) of this chapter).