SIMMONS HAROLD C

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **CONTRAN CORP** Issuer Symbol VALHI INC /DE/ [VHI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ 10% Owner Director Other (specify Officer (give title 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700 03/23/2010 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting DALLAS, TX 75240 Person

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivativ | e Secı | ırities Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securionor Dispo (Instr. 3, | sed of 4 and (A) or | | 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) |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 03/23/2010 | | P | | A | \$ 19 | 12,000 | D | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 03/23/2010 | | P | 100 | A | \$ 18.9171 | 12,100 | D | |
| Common stock, | 03/23/2010 | | P | 900 | A | \$ 18.98 | 13,000 | D | |

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| \$0.01 par value per share | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|---------|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 03/24/2010 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 18.8 | 14,000 | D | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | 03/24/2010 | P | 1,000 | A | \$ 18.85 | 15,000 | D | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | | | | | | 104,773,316 | I | by VHC |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | | | | | | 1,269,943 | I | by TFMC |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share | | | | | | 366,847 | I | by CDCT |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration Date | Amount of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/Year) | Underlying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | Securities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | S | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | |

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Date Expiration Title Number of Code V (A) (D)

Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| CONTRAN CORP 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240 | | X | | | | | | |
| SIMMONS HAROLD C 5430 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1700 DALLAS, TX 75240 | X | X | Chairman of the Board | | | | | |

Signatures

A. Andrew R. Louis, Secretary, for Contran Corporation

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

Simmons

03/25/2010

**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) Directly held by Valhi Holding Company. See the Additional Information filed as Exhibit 99 to this statement for a description of the relationship among the persons joining in this filing.
- (2) Directly owned 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.
- Oirectly owned by the Contran Amended and Restated Deferred Compensation Trust. 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:

Harold C. Simmons and his wife own 180,432 and 203,065 shares, respectively, of the common stock of the issuer. A trust of

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Exhibit 99 - Additional Information

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