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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SOLOMON MARTIN L Issuer Symbol HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title 1643 BRICKELL 04/21/2006 below) **AVENUE. APARTMENT 4902** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MIAMI, FL 33129

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti mr Dispose (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of (D)	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	04/21/2006		M	40,000	A	\$ 14.875	68,354	D	

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)

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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. 5. Number of TransactiorDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.875	04/21/2006		M	40,000	(2)	05/23/2006	Common Stock	40,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer Other			
SOLOMON MARTIN L 1643 BRICKELL AVENUE APARTMENT 4902 MIAMI, FL 33129	X					

Signatures

/s/Martin L. Solomon by Seth L. Kaplan, Attorney-in-fact

04/25/2006

**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) Non-qualified option granted to non-employee directors under the Hexcel Corporation Incentive Stock Plan in an exempt transaction under Rule 16b.
- (2) The option was exercisable with respect to one-third of the underlying shares on the date of grant and became exercisable with respect to the remaining underlying shares in equal installments on the first and second anniversaries of the grant date.

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