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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(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 FORSYTH STEPHEN C Issuer Symbol HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify **HEXCEL CORPORATION, 281** 05/11/2006 below) TRESSER BLVD. Exec. Vice President and CFO (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 STAMFORD, CT 06901 Person

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	tecution Date, if Transaction Code		sposed 4 and 3	` ′	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/11/2006		Code V M	Amount 30,000	or (D)	Price \$ 3.13	(Instr. 3 and 4) 144,371	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	30,000	D	\$ 24	114,371	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 3.13	05/11/2006		M	30,000	(2)	01/06/2013	Common Stock	30,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

FORSYTH STEPHEN C HEXCEL CORPORATION 281 TRESSER BLVD. STAMFORD, CT 06901

Exec. Vice President and CFO

Signatures

/s/Stephen C. Forsyth by Seth L. Kaplan, Attorney-in-fact

05/12/2006

**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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 15, 2006.
- (2) This Non-Qualified Stock Option became vested with respect to one third of the underlying shares of Common Stock on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date.

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