

FORSYTH STEPHEN C
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 FORSYTH STEPHEN C

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 HEXCEL CORPORATION, 281
 TRESSER BLVD.
 (Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec. Vice President and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/28/2006 | | M | 18,000 | A \$ 12.5 | 184,536 | D |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/28/2006 | | F | 12,833 | D \$ 21.52 | 171,703 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option ⁽²⁾ | \$ 12.5 | 02/28/2006 | | M | 18,000 | ⁽³⁾ 03/01/2006 | Common Stock | 18,000 |

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

03/02/2006

**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 Common Stock was withheld as payment of tax withholding required upon the exercise of non-qualified stock options, and as payment of the exercise price due.
- (2) Non-Qualified Options ("NQOs") granted under the Hexcel Corporation Incentive Stock Plan (the "ISP") in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (3) NQOs granted under the ISP become vested with respect to one-third of the shares of Common Stock subject thereto on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of certain events.

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