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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **GAFFNEY JAMES J**

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005

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

Officer (give title below)

X_ Director

Issuer

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

Other (specify

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

10551 WILSHIRE BLVD.

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

5. Number 4. Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired

(A)

or

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares Restricted Common (2) (2) Stock <u>(2)</u> 05/19/2005 Α 1,503 1,503

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GAFFNEY JAMES J 10551 WILSHIRE BLVD. X LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

Signatures

Units (1)

/s/James J. Gaffney by Seth L. Kaplan,
Attorney-in-fact
05/23/2005

**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) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") granted under the Hexcel Corporation 2003 Incentive Stock Plan in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- The RSUs vest in three equal installments on the grant date and on the first and second anniversaries of the grant date and convert into an equal number of shares of common stock on the second anniversary of the grant date, unless the grantee elects to defer conversion until such time as the grantee ceases to be a director of Hexcel Corporation. Vesting and conversion are subject to certain acceleration and termination provisions.

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