MEHRA SANJEEV K

Form 4

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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 MEHRA SANJEEV K Issuer Symbol HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & 11/16/2004 below) CO., 85 BROAD STREET 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 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 NEW YORK, NY 10004 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Price Amount (D) See Common 3,180 11/16/2004 14,528,180 I **Footnotes** Α (2) (2)Stock (1) (3) (4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
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MEHRA SANJEEV K C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO. 85 BROAD STREET NEW YORK, NY 10004

X

Date

Signatures

/s/ Ted Chang, Attorney-in-fact

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect (1) wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
 - The 3,180 shares of Hexcel Corporation (the "Company") common stock ("Common Stock") were granted pursuant to the Hexcel Corporation 2003 Incentive Stock Plan, consisting of 1,590 shares of phantom stock granted to each of the Reporting Person and Peter M.
- (2) Sacerdote, an advisory director of Goldman Sachs (together with the Reporting Person, the "GS Directors"), in their capacity as directors of the Company. Each of the GS Directors has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such shares for the benefit of GS Group.
- GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own the 3,180 shares of Common Stock granted pursuant to the Hexcel Corporation 2003
 Incentive Stock Plan, consisting of 1,590 shares of phantom stock granted to each of the GS Directors in their capacity as directors of the
 Company. Each grant of 1,590 shares vests in three equal installments on the grant date, which was November 16, 2004, 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 the Company. Vesting and
 conversion are subject to certain acceleration and termination provisions.
- GS Group and Goldman Sachs may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 14,525,000 shares of Common Stock by reason of the beneficial ownership of such shares by certain investment partnerships and limited liability companies of which Goldman Sachs or affiliates of Goldman Sachs and GS Group are the general partner, managing general partner, managing partner, managing member, member, manager or investment manager.

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