HEXCEL CORP /DE/ Form 4 March 14, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FORSYTH STEPHEN C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
HEXCEL CORPORATION, 281 TRESSER BLVD.			03/10/2006	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				Exec. Vice President and CFO			
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
STAMFORD, CT 06901				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/10/2006		Code V	Amount 5,000	or (D)	Price \$ 11.625	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 176,703	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2006		M	2,000	A	\$ 14.5	178,703	D	
Common Stock (1)	03/10/2006		F	4,332	D	\$ 20.11	174,371	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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 11.625	03/10/2006		M	5,000	(3)	03/12/2006	Common Stock	5,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.5	03/10/2006		M	2,000	(3)	05/24/2006	Common Stock	2,00

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

03/14/2006

**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 the exercise price due upon the exercise of non-qualified stock options.
- (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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