

MEHRA SANJEEV K
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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 *
MEHRA SANJEEV K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO., 85 BROAD STREET

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10004

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/16/2004

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/16/2004		A	3,180 (2) A \$ 0 (2)	14,528,180	I	See Footnotes (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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Ted Chang,
Attorney-in-fact

11/18/2004

**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).

The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is a direct and indirect 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.

(2) 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. 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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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