

EAGLE MATERIALS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ESSL GERALD J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**EAGLE MATERIALS INC  
 [[EXP/XPB]]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD.,  
 #1100  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/21/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

DALLAS, TX 75219

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|                                   |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |   |
|                                   |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |                                   |   |
| Restricted Common Stock Units (1) | 07/21/2005                           |  | A                              | 4   | A   | \$ 0 (1)   | 1,275                             | D |
| Common Stock                      |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 2,636                             | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| ESSL GERALD J<br>3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD., #1100<br>DALLAS, TX 75219 |               |           | Executive Vice President |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James H. Graass as Attorney-in-Fact for Gerald J. Essl 07/25/2005

\*\*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) The grant reported above represents Restricted Common Stock Unites accrued in connection with a dividend declared by Eagle Materials on its Common Stock and as a result of certain dividend equivalent rights associated with the reporting person's vested Restricted Common Stock Units. These Restricted Common Stock Units are issuable in shares of Common Stock as follows: one-half becomes issuable on March 31, 2006 and the remaining one-half becomes issuable on March 31, 2007.

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