

FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Clarke, Robert L.
Bracewell & Patterson
2900 Pennzoil Place
711 Louisiana
Houston, TX 77002
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Centex Construction Products, Inc. (CXP)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
07/00
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
[X] Director [] 10% Owner
[] Officer (give title below) [] Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
[X] 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	2) Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Transaction Code	4) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				3,000	D	Direct

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	4) Transaction Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	Exercisable	Expiration
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.0000						07/11/04
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.5000	06/26/00	A V	3,000	(1)		06/26/10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$34.9063						04/28/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$36.5625						04/01/08

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock		5,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	06/26/00	Common Stock		3,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock		3,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock		3,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
Shares will vest over a three year period when the Company first achieves certain specified two-year average operating earnings and return on average net assets goals, with 1/3 of the shares vesting as of March 31 of the fiscal year in which the Company first achieves such financial goals and 1/3 of the shares vesting on each of the first and second anniversaries of such date. As of each vesting date, optionee must still be employed by the Company in order for vesting to occur. Any unvested shares will vest automatically on the date that is nine years and nine months following the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ Clarke, Robert L.
DATE 07/28/00