

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 Clarke, Robert L.
 2900 South Tower Pennzoil Place
 711 Louisiana
 Houston, TX 77002-2781
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Centex Construction Products, Inc.
 CXP
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 7/31/98
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	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month A/D Price	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date A/Exercise Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Option Right to Buy	\$36.5625	4/1/98	A	3,000	A (4/1/2008)	Common Stock	3,000	3,000(2)	D	

Explanation of Responses:
 (1) Shares vest based upon achievement of certain levels of operating earnings and return on average net assets.
 Any unvested options automatically vest after nine years and nine months.
 (2) Of such shares, none are currently exercisable.
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 \s\ Robert L. Clarke
 DATE
 August 7, 1998