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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Avery Kenneth M</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EAGLE MATERIALS INC [ EXP ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Vice President &amp; Controller</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD, #1100			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) DALLAS TX 75219			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

## Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Restricted Common Stock Units	1,387	D	

## Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	05/06/2011	Common Stock	5,000	64.55	D
Non-Qualified EBIT Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	06/26/2011	Common Stock	1,535	69.9	D
Non-Qualified ROE Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	06/26/2011	Common Stock	1,535	69.9	D

## Explanation of Responses:

- Shares vest 20% on each grant anniversary for the next five years.
- Shares vest based upon the Company's achievement of certain levels of earnings before interest and taxes.
- Shares vest based upon the Company's achievement of certain levels of return on equity.

## Remarks:

/s/ Kenneth M. Avery08/02/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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