

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>NICOLAIS MICHAEL R</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <b>3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD., SUITE 250</b>  (Street) <b>DALLAS TX 75219</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>EAGLE MATERIALS INC [ EXP ]</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/03/2011</b>	
		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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	01/03/2011		M		933	A	\$9.9064	9,321	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		933	D	\$29	8,388	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2011		M		2,067	A	\$22.0267	10,455	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,067	D	\$29	8,388	D	
Common Stock								1,550	I	By Profit Sharing Plan of Reporting Person's Employer
Common Stock								3,500	I	By Reporting Person's IRA
Common Stock								1,386	I	By wife's IRA
Common Stock								555	I	By wife as custodian for daughter <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock								555	I	By wife as custodian for son <sup>(2)</sup>
Restricted Common Stock Units								3,643.2807	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.9064	01/03/2011		M			933		(3)	07/16/2011	Common Stock	933	\$0	0	D	

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(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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$22.0267	01/03/2011		M			2,067	(4)	07/27/2011	Common Stock	2,067	\$0	2,433	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.
- These shares are held by wife as custodian for the reporting person's children. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, and the filing of this report is not an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act or for any other purpose.
- Shares vested upon achievement of certain levels of operating earnings and return on average net assets.
- Shares vested immediately on the date the grant was awarded.

/s/ Scott M. Wilson as  
Attorney-in-Fact for Michael R. Nicolais      01/05/2011

\*\* 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 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).

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