## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ESSL GERALD J                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         |                                                             | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EAGLE MATERIALS INC [ EXP ] |                                                                                               |      |                                                                                                  |          |                                                                                                   |                |         |              | heck a                                  | all app                                                                                                                  | licable)                                                          | ng Person(s) to Is  10% C                                          |                                                                   |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD. STE #1100                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2009 |                                                                         |                                                                                               |      |                                                                                                  |          |                                                                                                   |                |         | X            | below) below)  Executive Vice President |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   | <i>I</i> )                                                         |                                                                   |  |
| (Street) DALLAS (City)                                                                                                                                                      | 5 ТУ                                                                                                                                         |      | 75219<br>Zip) |                                         | 4. If                                                       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |                                                                                               |      |                                                                                                  |          |                                                                                                   |                |         | 6.<br>Lir    |                                         | ·                                                                                                                        |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                                   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              | Tabl | e I - No      | on-Deriv                                | ative                                                       | Sec                                                                     | uritie                                                                                        | s Ac | quired                                                                                           | l, Dis   | sposed o                                                                                          | f, or          | Ben     | eficia       | lly O                                   | wne                                                                                                                      | ed                                                                |                                                                    |                                                                   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         |                                                             | Execution Date,                                                         |                                                                                               |      | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 1) |          |                                                                                                   |                |         |              | and 5) Secu<br>Bene                     |                                                                                                                          | cially<br>d Following                                             | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         |                                                             |                                                                         |                                                                                               |      | Code V                                                                                           |          | Amount                                                                                            | unt (A) or (D) |         | Price        | - 1                                     | Transa                                                                                                                   | action(s)<br>3 and 4)                                             |                                                                    | (msu: 4)                                                          |  |
| Common Stock 08/21/                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         | 2009                                                        |                                                                         |                                                                                               | F    |                                                                                                  | 1,437(1) | Ι                                                                                                 | )              | \$27.71 |              | 29,546                                  |                                                                                                                          | 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  (Instr. 3)  3. Transaction Date Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |                                                                                                                                              |      |               | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                                                             | of<br>Derivation<br>Secur<br>Acqui<br>(A) or<br>Dispo                   | Derivative (Month/Day<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>Instr. 3, 4 |      | ion Da                                                                                           | ite      | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |                | str. 3  |              | curity<br>str. 5)                       | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>((Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                                                                   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |      |               |                                         | Code                                                        | v                                                                       | (A)                                                                                           | (D)  | Date<br>Exercis                                                                                  | sable    | Expiration<br>Date                                                                                | Title          | of      | nber<br>ares |                                         |                                                                                                                          |                                                                   |                                                                    |                                                                   |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1,437 shares were withheld by the issuer to satisfy income tax withholding requirements related to the reporting person's receipt of 5,540 shares of Common Stock (which includes shares for previously reported Dividend Equivalent Units which were rounded up to whole shares upon payout) upon the payout of Restricted Common Stock Units awarded to the reporting person on August 21, 2008 (Form 4 filed on 4/30/2009).
- 2. In accordance with the issuer's Incentive Plan, this price represents the mean between the highest and lowest price per share of Common Stock on the transaction date.

/s/ Scott M. Wilson as 08/25/2009 Attorney-in-Fact for Gerald J. **Essl** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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