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FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) Essl, Gerald J.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 1/15/03	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		
Centex Construction Products, Inc. 2728 N Harwood, 6th floor	4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)		
(Street)	Centex Construction Products, Inc. (CXP)	o Director ⊠ Officer (<i>give title below</i>) o 10% Owner o Other (<i>specify below</i>)		
Dalls, TX 75201	6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)	Executive Vice President-Cement		
(City) (State) (Zip)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
		☑ Form filed by One Reporting Persono Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
* If the form is filed by	more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).			

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

		Table I — Non-D	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned	l	
Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2.	Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned 3. (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4.	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
No Securities Owned.					
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Table II — Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	xpiration Date		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exer- cisable	Expi- ration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Share	r		
Explanation of Res	ponses:						
		/s/ Gera	ıld J. Essl			1/15/03	
	**Si	gnature of I	Reporting Person			Date	

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

^{**} Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).