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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**

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

