

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>ESSL GERALD J</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD.</u><br><u>STE #1100</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>DALLAS TX 75219</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>EAGLE MATERIALS INC [ EXP ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>Director 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>Executive Vice President</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>03/12/2012</u>             |   |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |   |

**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                    | 03/12/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 5,000   | A          | \$29.0767                | 50,224  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/12/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 5,000   | D          | \$32.8816 <sup>(1)</sup> | 45,224  | D  |   |
| Restricted Common Stock Units   |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |                          | 11,040.7448   | 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) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$29.0767  | 03/12/2012                           |  | M                              |   |  | 5,000 | (2)  | 06/09/2012      | Common Stock  | 5,000                                      | \$0  | 0   | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This price represents the weighted average purchase price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions reported on this line range from \$32.85 to \$32.91. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, the reporting person will undertake to provide full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which transactions were effected.
- Shares vested upon achievement of certain levels of earning before interest and taxes and operational excellence goals.

/s/ James H. Graass as  
Attorney-in-Fact for Gerald J. Essl 03/14/2012  
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\*\* 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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