

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 House, H. David
 7715 Tiburon St., N.E.
 Albuquerque, NM 87109
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Centex Construction Products, Inc.
 CXP
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 7/31/98
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 Executive Vice President - Gypsum
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) 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	2. Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D			
Common Stock, par value \$5 per share	07/31/98	M(1)	5,000	A	\$14.00		
Common Stock, par value \$5 per share	07/31/98	S(1)	5,000	D	\$43.00		

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Code	4. Amount	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
									Dir	Indirect	
Option Right to Buy	\$36.5625	4/1/98	A	V	28,000	A (4/1/2008)	Common Stock	28,000	(3)	D	
Option Right to Buy	\$14.00	7/31/98	M(1)	D	5,000	4/1/98 7/18/2006	Common Stock	5,000	35,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This exercise and/or sale was made pursuant to and in reliance upon the exemption contained in Rule 16b-3.
- (2) Shares vest based upon achievement of certain levels of operating earnings and return on average net assets. Any unvested options automatically vest after nine years and nine months.
- (3) Of such shares, none are currently exercisable.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/s/ H. David House

DATE

August 10, 1998