FORM 3

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Kesler Dale Craig				event Requiring (Year) 19	Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EAGLE MATERIALS INC [EXP]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD.						Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director		10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
SUITE 1100						X Officer (give title below) EVP and CFO		Other (specify below)		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street)												
DALLAS	TX	75219										
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						2. Amount o (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock						3,988	D					
Common Stock						552	I F		By 401(k)			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
Expiration D						3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Deriva (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion Exercise Price of Derivative	or 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Security			
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) (1) 10/07/2014				10/07/2014		Common Stock	7,500	23.5833	D			
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) 03/31/2006 06/09/2012				06/09/2012		Common Stock	2,329(2)	29.0767	D			
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) 03/31/2007 05/09/2016				05/09/2016		Common Stock	1,342(3)	62.83	D			
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) 03/31/2009 08/21/2015				08/21/2015		Common Stock	14,000(4)	26.695	D			

Explanation of Responses:

- The option vests in 5 equal installments, The first, second, third and fourth installments have vested. The final installment will vest on 10/7/09.

 This is a performance-based option to purchase 3,000 shares of Common Stock, of which 2,329 options vested and became exercisable effective 3/31/06. The remaining options were forfeited.

 This is a performance-based option to purchase 1,618 shares of Common Stock, of which 1,342 options vested and became exercisable effective 3/31/07. The remaining options were forfeited.

 This is a performance-based option to purchase 14,000 shares of Common Stock, all of which vested and became exercisable effective 3/31/09.

/s/ Scott M. Wilson as Attorney-in-Fact for

08/25/2009

Dale Craig Kesler

** 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 5 (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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SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of James H. Graass, David A. Greenblatt and Scott M. Wilson, or any of

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Eagle Materials Inc., a Delaware corpora

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4,

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, :

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, nece

This Limited Power of Attorney supersedes any Section 16 power of attorney previously granted by the undersigned with respect to the undersigned's holdings of

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 21 day of August, 2009.

/s/ Dale Craig Kesler