

FORM 4  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[ ] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)  
Sells, Robert A.  
Centex Construction Products  
Suite 1600, LB 78  
3710 Rawlins  
Dallas, TX 75219
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Centex Construction Products, Inc. (CXP)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year  
10/99
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 V. P. - Aggregates  
and Concrete
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) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3) Trans- action Code Code V	4) Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) A or D Price	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V A	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) D	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$39.5313	07/15/99	A V	28,000	(1) 07/15/09

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	07/15/99	Common Stock	28,000	28,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)  
Shares will vest over a three year period when the Company first achieves certain specified two-year average operating earnings and return on average net assets goals, with 1/3 of the shares vesting as of March 31 of the fiscal year in which the Company first achieves such financial goals and 1/3 of the shares vesting on each of the first and second anniversaries of such date. As of each vesting date, optionee must still be employed by the Company in order for vesting to occur. Any unvested shares will vest automatically on the date that is nine years and nine months following the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
/S/ Sells, Robert A.  
DATE