

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

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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

03/31/97

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)

Senior Vice President - Finance

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
			Amount	A/D				Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	(1)	J(1)	171(2)	A	(1)	4,647(2)	I	CCP Profit Sharing & Retirement Plan
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	7/19/96	M(3)	3,000	A	\$14.00	5,500	D	

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 Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Number of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercise Date	Expiration Date					
Option Right to Buy(4)	\$14.00	7/19/96	M(3)	3,000	A	(4/10/2000)	(5)	Common Stock	3,000	4,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) These shares were acquired during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997 under the Centex Construction Products, Inc. Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan at prices ranging from \$12.50 per share to \$20.00 per share in transactions that were exempt from Section 16(b) but required to be reported by virtue of old Rule 16a-8(b). The information is as of March 31, 1997, and is based on a plan statement dated as of such date.

(2) Share numbers are rounded to the nearest whole share.

(3) This exercise was made pursuant to and in reliance upon the exemption contained in Rule 16b-3.

(4) The Plan pursuant to which the reported options were granted empowers the Stock Option Committee, in its discretion, to allow tax withholding at the time of exercise.

(5) Options vest 1,500 shares on July 19, 1995 and 3,000 shares on July 19, 1996.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

\s\ Arthur R. Zunker, Jr.

DATE

May 12, 1997