

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
 Jones, Jr., Richard D.
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 Suite 1600
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 USA
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
 05/31/97
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)
 Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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. Transaction Date	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5/14/97	M(1)	15,480	A	\$12.00			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5/14/97	S(1)	15,480	D	\$19.50			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5/14/97	M(1)	23,220	A	\$12.00			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	5/14/97	S(1)	23,220	D	\$19.50	16,800	D	
						1,867(2)	I	CCP Profit Sharing & Retirement Plan

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 Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Price						
Option Right to Buy	\$12.00	5/14/97	M(1)	15,480	D	_____ (3)	6/03/2004	Common Stock	15,480	24,520(4)	D	
Option Right to Buy	\$12.00	5/14/97	M(1)	23,220	D	_____ (5)	6/03/2004	Common Stock	23,200	36,780(6)	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) Number of shares owned as of June 3, 1997 by Trustee of Centex Construction Products, Inc. Profit Sharing and Retirement Plan based on most recent plan information available to reporting person. Number of shares has been rounded to the nearest whole number.
 (3) 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 five months. Options expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant.
 (4) Of such shares, 6,760 are not currently exercisable.
 (5) 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 five months. Options expire on the tenth anniversary of the grant.

(6) Of such shares, 10,140 are not currently exercisable.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

\s\ Richard D. Jones, Jr.

DATE

June 6, 1997