HEXCEL CORP /DE/

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BERKSHIRE FUND V L P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC, ONE BOSTON PLACE,

(Street)

(State)

SUITE 3300

(City)

below)

Director

X 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

12/20/2004

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BOSTON, MA 02108

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - Non	-Derivative Se	curiti	es Acquire	d, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Appropriate Amount	D)	red (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/20/2004		C	2,250,071	A	\$ 3 (1)	2,250,071	D	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	2,250,071	D	\$ 13.335	0	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An Nu Sha
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3 (1)	12/20/2004		С		3,288	03/19/2003	01/22/2010	Common Stock	1,
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3 (1)	12/20/2004		C	1′	7,698.85	03/19/2003	01/22/2010	Common Stock	1,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BERKSHIRE FUND V L P							
C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC		X					
ONE BOSTON PLACE, SUITE 3300		Λ					
BOSTON, MA 02108							

Signatures

BERKSHIRE FUND V, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP By: Fifth Berkshire Associates LLC, its general partner By: Robert J. Small, Managing Director

12/21/2004

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).

The conversion rates of both the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock are determined using a conversion price initially equal to \$3.00 (subject to adjustment in certain circumstances as provided in the applicable Certificates

(1) of Designations). On this basis, each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into a number of shares of Common Stock equal to \$1000.00/\$3.00, and each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into a number of shares of Common Stock equal to \$195.618/\$3.00.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person may be deemed to be, but does not admit to be, a member of a "group" holding over 10% of the issuer's Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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