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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Add SHAULSON | • | _ | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | |
| HEXCEL CORPORATION, 281 TRESSER BLVD. | | | (Month/Day/Year) 04/19/2006 | Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President, Reinforcements | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| STAMFORD, CT 06901 | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-I | Derivative | Securi | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securit | ies Ac | quired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | on(A) or Di | sposed | of (D) | Securities | Ownership | Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, | 4 and 5 | 5) | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 04/19/2006 | | M | 24,400 | A | \$ 12.5 | 60,127 | D | |
| Common Stock (1) | 04/19/2006 | | F | 16,329 | D | \$ 23.98 | 43,798 | 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | , | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option | \$ 12.5 | 04/19/2006 | | M | 24,400 | (3) | 04/22/2006 | Common Stock | 24,4 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHAULSON JOSEPH H HEXCEL CORPORATION 281 TRESSER BLVD. STAMFORD, CT 06901

President, Reinforcements

Signatures

/s/Joseph H. Shaulson by Seth L. Kaplan, Attorney-in-fact

04/20/2006

**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).
- (1) The Common Stock was withheld or delivered in payment of the exercise price due and required tax withholding upon the exercise of non-qualified stock options.
- (2) Non-Qualified Options ("NQOs") granted under the Hexcel Corporation Incentive Stock Plan (the "ISP") in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (3) NQOs granted under the ISP become vested with respect to one-third of the shares of Common Stock subject thereto on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of certain events.

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