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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ESSL GERALD J | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol EAGLE MATERIALS INC [EXP] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---|---|---|---|-------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD., STE #1100 | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/23/2009 | | | | | (Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Executive Vice President | | | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| DALLAS, T | X 75219 | | | | | | | Form filed by Person | More than One Re | eporting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | I - Non-De | rivative S | ecurit | ties Acq | quired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year | Execution any | emed ion Date, if //Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | d (A) of d of (D) 4 and (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) | |
| Restricted Common Stock Units (1) | 01/23/2009 | | | A | 1.754 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 332.0393 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 25,110 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amount | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ing | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securitie | es | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 | and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration Date | or Title Number of | | | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | S | hares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

ESSL GERALD J 3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD. STE #1100 DALLAS, TX 75219

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Scott M. Wilson as Attorney-in-Fact for Gerald J. Essl

01/27/2009

**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 grant reported above represents Restricted Common Stock Units ("RSUs") accrued in connection with a dividend declared by Issuer on its Common Stock and as a result of certain dividend equivalent rights associated with the reporting person's existing RSUs.

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