

ELLER TIMOTHY R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ELLER TIMOTHY R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CENTEX CORPORATION, 2728 N. HARWOOD

(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTEX CORP [CTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/07/2007

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 355,518 A \$ 17.4112 | 606,030 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | | 281,998 D \$ 25.81 | 324,032 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | M ⁽²⁾ | | 407,290 A \$ 17.7139 | 731,322 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/07/2007 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 326,100 D \$ 25.81 | 405,222 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 290,710 | D |

Units

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 12,595 | I | By 401k Plan |
| Common Stock | 164,800 | I | By Family Limited Partnership <u>(3)</u> |

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 Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.4112 | 12/07/2007 | | M | 355,518 | (4) 04/01/2008 | Common Stock 35 |
| Non-Qualified Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 17.7139 | 12/07/2007 | | M | 407,290 | (5) 04/02/2008 | Common Stock 40 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ELLER TIMOTHY R C/O CENTEX CORPORATION 2728 N. HARWOOD DALLAS, TX 75201 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ James R. Peacock III as attorney-in-fact for Timothy R. Eller

12/07/2007

 **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) Represents a "net exercise" of an aggregate of 355,518 stock options where 281,998 shares were used to pay the exercise price and taxes, and a net of 73,520 shares were acquired.

(2) Represents a "net exercise" of an aggregate of 407,290 stock options where 326,100 shares were used to pay the exercise price and taxes, and a net of 81,190 shares were acquired.

(3) These shares are owned directly by Granite Springs, Ltd., a limited partnership. The reporting person is (a) a general partner of such partnership, (b) trustee and a beneficiary of the T. Eller 2006 GRAT, a trust, which owns a limited partnership interest in such partnership, and (c) the spouse of a trustee and a beneficiary of the K. Eller 2006 GRAT, a trust, which also owns a limited partnership interest in such partnership.

(4) This award vested as follows: 20% on 3/31/1999, 20% on 3/31/2000, 20% on 3/31/2001, 20% on 3/31/2002 and 20% on 3/31/2003.

(5) This award vested as follows: 25% of 4/3/2001, 25% of 3/31/2002, 25% on 3/31/2003 and 25% on 3/31/2004.

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