

Merlot Thierry
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Merlot Thierry

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 HEXCEL CORPORATION, 281
 TRESSER BLVD.
 (Street)

STAMFORD, CT 06901

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/30/2017

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)
 President, Aerospace - EMEA/AP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	01/29/2018	A	1,336					<u>(2)</u>	01/29/2021	Common Stock	1,336
Non-Qualified Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 50.5	01/29/2018	A	5,610					<u>(4)</u>	01/29/2028	Common Stock	5,610

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Merlot Thierry HEXCEL CORPORATION 281 TRESSER BLVD. STAMFORD, CT 06901			President, Aerospace - EMEA/AP	

Signatures

/s/ Thierry Merlot, by Adam P. Gold,
Attorney-in-fact

01/31/2018

^{**}Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) The RSUs were granted in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b. Upon vesting, RSUs are converted into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock that are distributed to the grantee.

(2) The RSUs vest and convert into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock two-thirds on the second anniversary from the grant date, and one-third on the third anniversary from the grant date. Vesting of the RSUs is also subject to certain acceleration and termination provisions.

(3) Non-Qualified Options ("NQOs") granted in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.

(4) The NQOs 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. Vesting of the NQOs is also subject to certain acceleration and termination provisions.

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