

Merlot Thierry
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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 *
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)
01/24/2018

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)
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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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	01/24/2018		M	2,279 A \$ 0	27,470	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)

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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)
Performance-Based Award	(2)	01/24/2018		M	2,279	(3) (3)	Common Stock

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
01/26/2018

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- The Common Stock was acquired upon the conversion of a performance-based award ("PBA") in accordance with the terms of an underlying Performance Based Award Agreement (the "Agreement") dated January 27, 2015. The PBA was granted based on the level of attainment of specified financial performance criteria set forth in the Agreement, and was granted in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b.
- (1) The PBA was granted in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b. Upon vesting, the PBA converted into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock that are distributed to the grantee.
 - (2) The PBA vested and converted into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock on January 24, 2018.
 - (3) The PBA vested and converted into an equivalent number of shares of Common Stock on January 24, 2018.

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