

Merlot Thierry
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FORM 4

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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)
 02/13/2018

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)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Instr.)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2018	A		2.92 ⁽³⁾		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	2.92	<u>(1)</u>

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	02/14/2018
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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 underlying Restricted Stock Units ("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 2.92 dividend equivalent rights reflect dividend equivalent rights at \$65.40 per RSU owned by the reporting person on the record date and credited to the reporting person's account on February 13, 2018.
- (3) The underlying RSUs vest ratably over the one year period following the grant date, and convert into an equal number of shares of common stock at such time as the grantee ceases to be a member of Hexcel's Board of Directors. Vesting and conversion are subject to certain acceleration and termination provisions.

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