

NICOLAIS MICHAEL R  
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 \*  
NICOLAIS MICHAEL R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EAGLE MATERIALS INC [EXP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3811 TURTLE CREEK BLVD.,  
SUITE 250

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2010

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

(Street)  
DALLAS, TX 75219

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

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 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,000 A \$ 9.9064   | 11,388  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/20/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 3,000 D \$ 28   | 8,388   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,550   | I  | By Profit Sharing Plan of Reporting Person's Employer |
| Common                          |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,500   | I  | By  |

| Stock                         |            |   | Reporting Person's IRA                           |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|--|
| Common Stock                  | 1,386      | I | By wife's IRA                                    |
| Common Stock                  | 555        | I | By wife as custodian for daughter <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Common Stock                  | 555        | I | By wife as custodian for son <sup>(2)</sup>      |
| Restricted Common Stock Units | 3,643.2807 | 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 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | \$ 9.9064  | 12/20/2010                           |  | M                              | 3,000   | <sup>(3)</sup> 07/16/2011                                | Common Stock  | 3,000                      |                            |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

