FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|---------|---|--|--|---------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>RUSS ARTHUR A JR</u> |   |  |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GIBRALTAR STEEL CORP [ Rock ] |         |   |  |  |                     |  |   |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner                              |   |   |  |  |  |
| (Last)   | (Fi   | (First) (Middle)                           |   |  |   |   |         | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/11/2003 |  |  |                     |  |   |   |  | Officer (give title $old X$ Other (specify below) $ \hline                                  $ |   |  |  |  |
| Street)  |   |  |   |  | 4. 11                                   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                  |         |   |  |  |                     |  |   |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |   |   |  |  |  |
| (City)   | ty) (State) (Zip)   |  |   |  |   |   |         |   |  |  |                     |  |   | X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |  |   |   |  |  |  |
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|  |   |  |   |  |   |   |         |   | Code   | v  | Amount              | nount (A) or (D)   |   | Transaction<br>(Instr. 3 ar   |  |   |   | (Instr. 4)                               |  |  |
| Common   | Common stock 06/11/2  |  |   |  | 2003                                    | 003   |         |   | J <sup>(1)</sup>                                     |  | 3,500               | D  | 20  | 4,023,417   |  | I   |   | By Trust <sup>(2)</sup>                  |  |  |
| Common stock 06/11/2   |   |  |   |  | /2003                                   | :003  |         | J <sup>(1)</sup>  |  | 700  | D                   | 20   | 646,870   | ′ <mark>(</mark> (4)(5)(6)  |  | I   | Rush<br>Creek<br>Investment<br>Co., LP <sup>(3)</sup>             |  |  |  |
|  |   | Т  | able II   |  |   |   |         |   |  |  | osed of<br>converti |  |   | y Owned   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)              | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | 4.<br>Transactior<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   | on of E |   | 6. Date Exercis<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Yea |  | е                   | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)                                 | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |   | 10.<br>Ownersh<br>Form:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indirec<br>(I) (Instr. | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>tt (Instr. 4) |  |  |
|  |   |  |   |  | Code                                    | v   | (A)     |   | Date<br>Exercisal                                    |  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                    | 1   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Option to<br>buy   | 11  | 08/08/1988 <sup>(7)</sup>                  |   |  | J                                       |   | 0       |   | 09/21/19   | 94   | 09/20/2003          | Common<br>stock  | 0   | <b>\$</b> 0 50,000 <sup>(8)</sup>   |  | 0 <sup>(8)</sup>  | I   | By Wife                                  |  |  |
| Option to  | 10  | 00/00/1000(7)                              |   |  |   | 1 0   |         | 11/01/19  | 95   | 10/31/2004   | Common              | 0  | \$0   | 1.250(8)  |  | Т   | By Wife   |  |  |  |

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Sale of securities pursuant to a pre-arranged stock trading plan established pursuant to Rule 10b5-1.
- 2. Represents shares held by five trusts for the benefit of insiders of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, as to each of which reporting person serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership.
- 3. Represents shares held by Rush Creek Trust as to which the reporting person serves as Trustee and has sole voting and investment power and as to which shares the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership
- 4. 61,085 shares held by the Kenneth E. Lipke Trust f/b/o Patricia K. Lipke, as to which reporting person serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power.
- 5. 1,500 shares held by three trusts for the benefit of reporting person's children of which the reporting person serves as a trustee.
- 6. 3.000 shares of common stock held directly.
- 7. Dummy date used to report holdings only.
- 8. Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares of common stock under the Gibraltar Steel Corporation Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan. The options are exercisable at the rate of 25% per year.

/s/Janet N. Gabel Attorney in

Fact for Arthur A. Russ, Jr.,

06/12/2003

**Trustee** 

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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# ARTHUR A. RUSS, JR. THE BONNEVILLE TRUST U/A 12/31/87 THE CORVETTE TRUST U/A 12/31/87 THE ELECTRA TRUST U/A 12/31/87 THE MONZA TRUST U/A 1/22/88

## THE NOVA TRUST U/A 12/31/87 LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Janet N. Gabel and Richard A. Pytak, Jr., each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to each of the undersigned's attorneys-in-fact appointed by this Power of Attorney and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 25th day of March, 2003.

| /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr. |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Arthur A Russ, Jr.      |  |

THE BONNEVILLE TRUST U/A 12/31/87

By: /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr.
Arthur A. Russ, Jr., Trustee

By: /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr. Arthur A. Russ, Jr., Trustee THE ELECTRA TRUST U/A 12/31/87 By: /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr. Arthur A. Russ, Jr., Trustee THE MONZA TRUST U/A 1/22/88 By: /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr. Arthur A. Russ, Jr., Trustee THE NOVA TRUST U/A 12/31/87 By: /s/ Arthur A. Russ, Jr. Arthur A. Russ, Jr., Trustee STATE OF NEW YORK **COUNTY OF ERIE** On this 25th day of March, 2003, Arthur A. Russ, Jr. personally appeared before me, and acknowledged that s/he executed the f /s/ Denise E. Welter Notary Public

My commission Expires: 2005

DENISE E. WELTER Notary Public, State of New York Qualified in Erie County My Commission Expires 08/31/20