FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>LIPKE ERIC R</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)	(F	First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2003								X Officer (give title Other (special below) Vice President					
(Street)					4. 1	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(City)	City) (State) (Zip)			-									X Form	filed by M	orting Pers n One Rep				
		Tab	le I - N	lon-Deri	vative	e Sec	uriti	es Ac	quire	d, D	isposed o	of, or B	enefic	ially Owne	ed .				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye						Execution Date,				s Acquired (A) or If (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		Beneficially Following F	Owned Reported	rted (i) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction 3 and 4)	i(s) (Instr.	(In		Instr. 4)		
Common stock 05/22/200				2003)3		J ⁽¹⁾		300	D	20	891,702(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)		I Tr		Trust ⁽²⁾			
Common stock 05/22/20				2003)3		J ⁽¹⁾		300	D	20	869,201(8	869,201(8)(9)(10)(11)		I 7	Trust ⁽¹⁵⁾			
Common stock 05/22/200				.003	03		J ⁽¹⁾		59.4	D	20	129,7	129,761.6		I (Rush Creek nvestment Co. LP ⁽¹²⁾			
		Т	able I								posed of, , converti			lly Owned s)					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed ion Date, //Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		ate	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficie Owned Followin Reported Transact (Instr. 4)	re es ally g d	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares	er					
Option to buy	10	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁶⁾			J		0		11/01/	1995	10/31/2004	Common stock	0	\$0	10,000(13)		D		
Option to buy	21.75	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁶⁾			J		0		07/08/	1998	07/08/2007	common stock	0	\$0	10,000)(13)	D		
Option to buy	22.5	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁶⁾			J		0		03/27/	1999	03/27/2008	Common stock	0	\$0	2,500 ⁽¹⁴⁾		D		
Option to buy	15.625	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁶⁾			J		0		10/08/	1999	10/08/2008	Common stock	0	\$0	12,500)(14)	D		
Option to	14.07	08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁶⁾			J		0		07/18/2	2001	07/18/2010	Common	0	\$0	10,000	(14)	D		

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 a trust for the benefit of reporting person, of which he serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power.
- 3. 77.195 common shares held directly.
- 4. 7,005 shares held by trust for the benefit of a child (Katherine Victoria) of an insider of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, of which the reporting person serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- 5. 6,700 shares held by trust for the benefit of reporting person's son.
- 6. 90,880 shares held by trust for the benefit of insiders of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, of which reporting person serves as one of five trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- 7. 5,800 shares held by trust for the benefit of reporting person's daughter.
- 8. 1,680 shares held by reporting person as custodian for son under UGMANY.
- 9. 1,680 shares held by reporting person as custodian for daughter under UGMANY.
- 10. 5,940 shares held by trust for the benefit of a child (Elissa Kristina) of an insider of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, which the reporting person serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- 11. 1,081.39 shares held by Gibraltar Steel Corporation 401(k) Plan f/b/o reporting person.
- 12. Represents reporting person's pecuniary interest in the shares of Gibraltar Steel Corporation common stock held by Rush Creek Investment Co., LP The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest in such shares, except to the extent of his beneficial interest.
- 13. Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Gibraltar Steel Corporation Incentive Stock Option Plan. The options are exercisable at the rate of 25% per year.
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15. Represents shares held by trust for the benefit of an insider of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, of which the reporting person serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership.

16. Dummy date used to report holdings only.

/s/Eric R. Lipke

05/23/2003

Date

** 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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