

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>LIPKE ERIC R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>75 EIMVIEW AVENUE</u> (Street) <u>HAMBURG NY 14075</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GIBALTAR STEEL CORP [ROCK]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <u>Trustee</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/15/2004</u>	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock	01/15/2004		M		12,500	A	\$15.63	85,695	D	
Common stock	01/15/2004		M		7,500	A	\$14.07	93,195	D	
Common stock	01/15/2004		M		10,000	A	\$10	103,195 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁶⁾	\$10	01/15/2004		M			10,000	11/01/1995	10/31/2004	Common stock	10,000	\$10	0	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁶⁾	\$21.75	08/08/1988 ⁽⁷⁾		J		0		07/08/1998	07/08/2007	Common stock	0	\$0	10,000	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁸⁾	\$22.5	08/08/1988 ⁽⁷⁾		J		0		03/27/1999	03/27/2008	Common stock	0	\$0	2,500	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁸⁾	\$15.625	01/15/2004		M			12,500	10/08/1999	10/08/2008	Common stock	12,500	\$15.625	0	D	
Option (right to buy) ⁽⁸⁾	\$14.07	01/15/2004		M			7,500	07/18/2001	07/18/2010	Common stock	7,500	\$14.07	2,500	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 648,501 shares of common stock of Gibraltar Steel Corporation held by a trust for the benefit of reporting person of which trust he serves as one of three trustees and shares voting and investment power.
- 671,002 shares of common stock of Gibraltar Steel Corporation held by a trust for the benefit of an insider, 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.
- 7,005 shares indirectly held by trust for the benefit of a child (Katherine Victoria Lipke) 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; 6,700 shares indirectly held by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's son.
- 90,880 shares indirectly held by trust for the benefit of insiders of Gibraltar Steel Corporation, of which the reporting person serves as one of five trustees and shares voting and investment power and as to which shares he disclaims beneficial ownership; 5,800 shares indirectly held by a trust for the benefit of the reporting person's daughter; 1,680 shares indirectly held by reporting person as custodian for son under UGMANY; 1,680 shares indirectly held by reporting person as custodian for daughter under UGMANY; 5,940 shares indirectly held by trust for the benefit of a child (Elissa Kristina Lipke) 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.
- Reporting person owns 125,651 shares indirectly representing the pecuniary interest of reporting person in shares of Gibraltar Steel Corporation common stock held by Rush Creek Investment Co., L.P. The reporting person disclaims beneficial interest in such shares, except to the extent of his beneficial interest; 3,334.76 shares held in Gibraltar Steel 401(k) Savings Plan f/b/o reporting person.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under Gibraltar Steel Corporation Non-Qualified Stock Option Plan. Options exercisable at rate of 25% per year.
- Dummy Date used to report holdings only.
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under Gibraltar Steel Corporation Incentive Stock Option Plan. Options exercisable at rate of 25% per year.

/s/ Janet N. Gabel, Attorney in 01/20/2004
Fact for Eric R. Lipke

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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ERIC R. LIPKE

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Gerald S. Lippes and Janet N. Gabel, 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 ____ day of August, 2003.

Eric R. Lipke

STATE OF NEW YORK

SS:

COUNTY OF _____

On the ____ day of August in the year 2003, before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said state, personally appeared Eric R. Lipke, personally known to me or provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public