FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| COLOMBO WILLIAM J | | | 2. Date of Even Requiring State Month/Day/Yea | ment | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GIBRALTAR STEEL CORP [Rock] | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|--|---|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 08/12/2003 | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | - 1 | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| - | | | | | X | Director Officer (give title | 10% Owner Other (specify | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | |
| (Street) | (Street) | | | | | below) | below) | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | Reporting Pe | / More than One erson | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Fo | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
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| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| '''' ''' | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (In | | y (Instr. 4) Conve | | ersion ercise | 5. Ownership Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | 3 | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivativ Security | ve | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |
| None | | | 08/08/1988 ⁽¹⁾ | 08/08/1988 ⁽¹ | 1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Dummy date to report holdings

/s/William J. Colombo 08/20/2003

** 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 5 (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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