FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* PYTAK RICHARD A JR						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GIBRALTAR STEEL CORP [Rock]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3556 LAKE SHORE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/22/2003								X below) Delow) Treasurer					
(Street) BUFFALO NY 14219				4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	City) (State) (Zip)													Person					
		Tab	le I - 1	Non-Deri	vative	Sec	uritie	s A	cquire	ed, D	isposed (of, or B	enefici	ally Owne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y					Execut (ear) if any		emed tion Date, n/Day/Year)		ction Instr.	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 ar			Beneficially Owned Following		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	Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 an			(II	str. 4)	
Common stock 10/22/2003					03 ⁽¹⁾	3 ⁽¹⁾		J ⁽¹⁾	V	0.03	A	\$21.98 ⁽	13.8	13.85 ⁽²⁾		Si C 44 Si	ibraltar eel orporation 01(k) avings an		
		Т	able I								sposed of								
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		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/Y		cisable and	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	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$15.63	08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾			J		0		10/08/	1999	10/07/2008	Common stock	0	\$0	2,000		D		
Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$14.07	08/08/1988 ⁽⁴⁾			J		0		07/18/	2001	07/18/2010	Common stock	0	\$0	2,000)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents the net effect of shares purchased and sold from July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003 pursuant to the Gibraltar Steel Corporation 401(k) Savings Plan at an average price of \$21.98 per share. The information reported herein is based on a Plan Statement dated October 15, 2003.
- 2. Filer also owns 250 shares of common stock directly.
- 3. Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares of common stock under the Gibraltar Steel Corporation Incentive Stock Option Plan. The options are exercisable at the rate of 25% per year.
- 4. Dummy date used to report holdings.

/s/Richard A. Pytak, Jr. 10/22/2003 ** 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 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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