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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

HEXCEL CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

428291108

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement [].

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the

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Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON(S)
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON(S)

INGALLS & SNYDER LLC
13-5156620

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) []
(b) []

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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK STATE

NUMBER OF SHARES	5. SOLE VOTING POWER
	509,597

(Assuming conversion of 3,075,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY EACH	6. SHARED VOTING POWER
	-0-

CVPRA)

REPORTING

PERSON WITH	7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	509,597

(Assuming conversion of 3,075,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)

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8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,736,888

(Assuming conversion of 2,580,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,246,485

(Assuming conversion of 5,655,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)

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10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.6% (Assuming conversion of 5,655,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

BD

*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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- Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer:
HEXCEL CORPORATION
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
281 TRESSER BLVD STAMFORD CT 06901
- Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:
INGALLS & SNYDER LLC
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office, or if None, Residence:
61 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10006
- (c) Citizenship:
NEW YORK STATE
- (d) Title of Class of Securities:
COMMON STOCK
- (e) CUSIP Number:
428291108
- Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act,
- (e) Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940,
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund; see Section 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(F); see Item 7,

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- (g) [] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); see Item 7,
- (h) [] Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).

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Item 4. Ownership.

If more than five percent of the class is owned, indicate:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,246,485
(Assuming conversion of 5,655,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)-----,
- (b) Percent of class: 5.6%
(Assuming conversion of 5,655,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)-----,
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 509,597
(Assuming conversion of 3,075,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)-----,
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote -0-
-----,
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 509,597
(Assuming conversion of 3,075,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)-----,
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,736,888
(Assuming conversion of 2,580,000 principal amount 7% Con. Deb. Due 8/1/03)-----, and
- (d) Shares which there is a right to acquire: 0
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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

Signature.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: 02/14/02

/s/Edward H. Oberst

(Signature)*

Edward H. Oberst
Managing Director

(Name/Title)

* Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).

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