

NIEBLA JESUS FERNANDO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NIEBLA JESUS FERNANDO

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC  
 [GVA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 585 W. BEACH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/06/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

WATSONVILLE, CA 95076  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/15/2010		A	V 38.8257 (1)	A \$ 22.74 11,059.3548 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2010		M	274 A \$ 10.5633	11,333.3548 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/06/2010		M	333 A \$ 9.6033	11,666.3548 (2)	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. P
							Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.5633	12/06/2010		M	274	03/30/2001 03/30/2011	Common Stock	274
Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.6033	12/06/2010		M	333	12/30/2000 12/30/2010	Common Stock	333

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIEBLA JESUS FERNANDO 585 W. BEACH STREET WATSONVILLE, CA 95076	X			

## Signatures

Terry K. Eller, Attorney-in-Fact, for J. Fernando Niebla 12/07/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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).

(1) Dividends on stock units granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) Includes 6,830.3548 stock units and dividend shares on stock units.

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