FORM 4
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

JOHNSON JOSEPH BARCLAY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

585 W. BEACH STREET

(Street)

WATSONVILLE,CA95076
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC [GVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)

12/31/2003

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner
_____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

_ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ 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 (MM/DD/YYYY)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY)	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								**7500** (1)	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (MM/DD/YYYY)	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		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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Option (Right to Buy)	**$11.925**	**12/31/2003**		**J**		**1287** (2)		**12/31/2003**	**12/31/2013**	**Common Stock**	**1287**	**$0**	**18715**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:
(1) Previously reported.
(2) Granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan.

Reporting Owners

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Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON JOSEPH BARCLAY **585 W. BEACH STREET** **WATSONVILLE,CA95076**	**X**			

Signatures

Michael Futch for Joseph J. Barclay	**1/5/2004**
** 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).
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