

Powell William Howard  
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**FORM 5**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Powell William Howard  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
 (check applicable line)  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

585 W. BEACH STREET  
 (Street)

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

**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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	07/15/2008	Â	A	(1) 56.192 A	\$ 32.78 (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	09/30/2008	Â	A	(3) 13.12 A	\$ 35.82 (4)	D	Â
Common Stock	10/15/2008	Â	A	(1) 75.951 A	\$ 24.35 (4)	D	Â
Common Stock	12/31/2008	Â	A	(3) 10.734 A	\$ 43.93 (5) (6)	D	Â

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Amount or Number of Shares
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title		

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Powell William Howard 585 W. BEACH STREET WATSONVILLE, CA 95076	X			

**Signatures**

Michael Futch, Secretary, for William H. Powell  
01/27/2009  
 \*\*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 acquired pursuant to the Granite Construction incorporated Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Includes 3,519 Stock Units and 95.09 dividend shares on Stock Units.
- (3) Dividends on Stock Units granted pursuant to the Granite Construction Incorporated Amended and Restated 1999 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (4) Includes 3,519 Stock Units and 108.21 dividend shares on Stock Units.
- (5) Includes 3,519 Stock Units and 118.979 dividend shares on Stock Units.
- (6) Total adjusted for fractional shares.

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