

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Benson Thomas M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 39400 WOODWARD AVENUE SUITE 130 (Street) BLOOMFIELD MI 48304 HILLS (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/23/2011	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>TRIMAS CORP [TRS]</u> 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President Cequent Performance</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,110 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	1,067 ⁽²⁾	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	10/01/2012	10/01/2015	Common Stock	33,330 ⁽³⁾	23	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to buy)	(4)	03/09/2019	Common Stock	30,000 ⁽⁴⁾	1.01	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted December 4, 2009 under the TriMas Corporation 2006 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse on March 15, 2011.
2. Balance of restricted shares of common stock of the Company granted April 2, 2008 under the TriMas Corporation 2006 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, restrictions lapse on April 2, 2011.
3. Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted October 1, 2005 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, 80% of the shares subject to this Option vested in three equal annual installments on each of October 1, 2006, October 1, 2007 and October 1, 2008; the remaining 20% of the shares subject to this Option will vest October 1, 2012.
4. Balance of Non-Qualified Stock Option to purchase shares of common stock of the Company granted March 9, 2009 under the TriMas Corporation 2002 Long Term Equity Incentive Plan, remaining shares subject to this Option shall vest and become exercisable with respect to 12,500 shares on March 9, 2011 and 12,500 shares on March 9, 2012.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24.1 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Paula Reno attorney-in-fact 03/02/2011

** 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 5 (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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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Joshua A. Sherbin, Paula Reno and Paul Swart, each individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(a) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of TriMas Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(b) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(c) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each of such attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 22nd day of February, 2011.

/s/ Thomas M. Benson
Name: Thomas M. Benson