

PRETORIUS HERMANUS LAMBERTUS
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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 *
 PRETORIUS HERMANUS LAMBERTUS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD [GTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 SNOW ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/01/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, Pres. Engineered Solutions

(Street)
 PARMA, OH 44130

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	04/01/2009		A	22,321 A \$ 0	22,321	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	04/01/2009		S	13,452 D \$ 6,4482	8,869	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock					14,659	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock					10,243	D <u>(3)</u>	
					15,000	D <u>(4)</u>	

Common Stock			
Common Stock	15,672	D	
Common Stock	1,875	I	By Savings Plan ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock	2,615	I	By Compensation Deferral Plan ⁽⁶⁾

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. 3)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 14					⁽⁷⁾	02/28/2010	Common Stock	10,000
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 8.56					⁽⁷⁾	12/15/2010	Common Stock	2,500
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 8.85					⁽⁷⁾	09/25/2011	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PRETORIUS HERMANUS LAMBERTUS C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD. 12900 SNOW ROAD PARMA, OH 44130			VP, Pres. Engineered Solutions	

Signatures

/s/John D. Moran, Attorney-in-Fact for Hermanus L.
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04/03/2009

__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) The reported sale transaction is to report the satisfaction of income taxes. In response to the current economic environment, the Board previously elected to make payment of 50% of the award payable under the Company's 2008 annual incentive plan by granting shares (with a value on March 31, 2009 equal to that amount) under the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. Represents the number of shares so issued and number of shares sold pursuant to a duly adopted Section 10b5-1 trading plan to pay withholding taxes associated with the incentive plan award, receipt of which were conditioned upon the executive's continued employment as of April 3, 2009. 13,452 of the 22,321 shares were sold pursuant to the Section 10b5-1 trading plan to cover withholding taxes.

(2) On October 23, 2006, the Company granted 20,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, all of which will cliff vest in February 2010, subject to accelerated vesting if certain performance targets were met. One-third of such shares vested in each February 2008 and 2009. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(3) On October 4, 2007, the Company granted 12,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program. One-third of the restricted shares shall vest on each of February 26, 2010 and February 28, 2011, but only if certain performance targets are met. One-third of such shares vested February 27, 2009. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(4) On December 15, 2008, the Company granted 15,000 performance shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, which represent the right to receive shares contingent upon the achievement of one or more performance measures. Shares that are earned upon the attainment of applicable performance targets shall vest on February 29, 2012. The ultimate number of shares is subject to adjustment based on actual performance.

(5) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company Stock Fund option of the GrafTech International Savings Plan.

(6) Represents obligations whose value is based on the Common Stock through a contribution, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c), under the Company's Compensation Deferral Program. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

(7) All such options have fully vested.

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