HARDINGE INC Form SC 13D February 06, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)*

HARDINGE INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01
(Title of Class of Securities)

412324 30 3 (CUSIP Number)

Richard L. Simons, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Hardinge Inc., One Hardinge Drive, P.O. Box 1507,
Elmira, NY 14902-1507, Telephone: (607) 734-2281,
with a copy to J. Philip Hunter, Esq., Sayles & Evans,
One West Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901;
Telephone: (607) 734-2271
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 30, 2004 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- 1. Richard L. Simons S.S.# 083-50-5944
- 2. (b) X
- 3.
- 4. Not Applicable
- 5.
- 6. U.S.A.
- 7. 75,548
- 8. 0
- 9. 75,548
- 10. 0
- 11. 75,548
- 12.
- 13. .853%
- 14. IN

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SCHEDULE 13D

Item 1. Security and Issuer:

Common Stock, Par Value \$.01 ("Shares")
Hardinge Inc.
One Hardinge Drive
P.O. Box 1507
Elmira, New York 14902

Item 2. Identity and Background:

- (a) Name Richard L. Simons
- (b) Business Address
 One Hardinge Drive
 P.O. Box 1507
 Elmira, NY 14902-1507
- (c) Present principal occupation Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- (d, e) Legal proceedings
 None
 - (f) Citizenship
 U.S.A. State of New York

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration:

Richard L. Simons has acquired shares of Hardinge Inc. common stock from time to time under various executive incentive stock plans of the Issuer, with personal funds. As of the date hereof, 72,888 shares are owned individually and 2,660 shares are held for Mr. Simons' account in the Issuer's Savings Plan.

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Item 4. Purpose of Transaction:

Since Richard L. Simons' appointment as a co-trustee of the Issuer's Pension Plan on May 1, 2001, Mr. Simons' beneficial ownership has exceeded 5%. Mr. Simons resigned as co-trustee under

said Plan on January 30, 2004 and the Issuer's 383,886 shares formerly held by him as co-trustee were transferred to the Issuer's Pension Plan trustee, Chemung Canal Trust Company. Mr. Simons' ownership is for investment purposes only and he has no plans to cause a change of control of Hardinge Inc. or to take any other action enumerated in Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

- Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer:
- (a) Aggregate Number and Percentage Owned 75,548, .853% based on 8,857,849 shares outstanding on December 31, 2003 as reported by the Issuer.
 - (b) Number of Shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 75,548
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote $\boldsymbol{0}$
 - - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of $\ 0$
 - (c) Transactions during past sixty days:

Since Richard L. Simons' appointment as a co-trustee of the Issuer's Pension Plan on May 1, 2001, Mr. Simons' beneficial ownership has exceeded 5%. Mr. Simons resigned as co-trustee under said Plan on January 30, 2004 and the Issuer's 383,886 shares formerly held by him as co-trustee were transferred to the Issuer's Pension Plan trustee, Chemung Canal Trust Company.

(d) Rights of any other persons to owned Shares:

Mr. Simons is aware of other persons with the right to receive or the power to direct and receive dividends from or the proceeds of the sale of, Shares, but to the best knowledge of Mr. Simons, none of such persons beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding Shares, except those disclosed in the Issuer's most recent proxy statement and in one Schedule 13D filed since the filing date of said proxy statement.

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- (e) Date upon which Ceased to be 5% Beneficial Owner: January 30, 2004
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships
 with Respect to Securities of the Issuer:

None

Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibit:

None

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated:	February 6, 2004
Signature:	
Name:	Richard L. Simons

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