

BABSON DAVID L & CO INC
Form SC 13G
February 04, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G

(Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)
(Amendment No.4)*

HARDINGE INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

412324303

(Cusip Number)

December 31, 2003

(Date of Event which requires filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant
to which this schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1 (b)
- Rule 13d-1 (c)
- Rule 13d-1 (d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing of this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act, but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes.)

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- 1. Name of reporting person
S.S. or I.R.S. identification no. of above person

David L. Babson & Company Inc.
04-1054788

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2. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group
(a) ()
(b) (X)

3. SEC use only

4. Citizenship or place of organization
Massachusetts

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:

5. Sole Voting Power

1,184,700

6. Shared Voting Power

29,850

7. Sole Dispositive Power

1,214,550

8. Shared Dispositive Power

0

9. Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

1,214,550

10. Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares*

11. Percent of class represented by amount in row 9

13.71%

12. Type of Reporting person

IA

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ITEM 1(A): NAME OF ISSUER:

HARDINGE, INC.

1(B): ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

ONE HARDINGE DRIVE
ELMIRA, NY 14902

ITEM 2(A): NAME OF PERSON FILING:

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David L. Babson & Company Inc. ("DLB")

ITEM 2(B): ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

One Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1300

ITEM 2(C): CITIZENSHIP:

See Item 4 of Cover Page

ITEM 2(D): TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

See Cover Page

ITEM 2(E): CUSIP NUMBER:

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ITEM 3: TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON:

If this statement is filed pursuant to sections 240.13d-1 (b) or 240.13d-2 (b) or (c), check whether the filing person is a:

(e) An investment advisor in accordance with Section 240.13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (E)

ITEM 4: OWNERSHIP:

(a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: DLB, in its capacity as investment advisor, may be deemed the beneficial owner of 1,214,550 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are owned by investment advisory client (s).

(b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 13.71%

(c) For information on voting and dispositive power with respect to the above listed shares, see Items 5 - 8 of Cover Page.

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ITEM 5: OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Not Applicable

ITEM 6: OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

N/A

ITEM 7: IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not Applicable

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ITEM 8: IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not Applicable

ITEM 9: NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not Applicable

Dear Sir or Madam:

David L. Babson & Company Inc. is filing today a Schedule 13G through the EDGAR system as required by Section 240.13d-1 (b) to reflect a change in beneficial ownership of the outstanding stock of the above-mentioned issuer.

Please note that the shares as to which this Schedule is filed are owned by various investment advisory clients of David L. Babson & Company Inc., which may be deemed a beneficial owner of the shares only by virtue of the direct or indirect investment discretion it possesses pursuant to the provisions of investment advisory agreements with such clients.

A copy of the Schedule 13G is being sent to the issuer as required by Rule 13d-7.

Comments or questions concerning the above may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 761-3815.

Sincerely,

// Sandra L. Doyle //
SANDRA L. DOYLE
Compliance Officer