

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 SNOW ROAD

(Street)

PARMA, OH 44130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/03/2009

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)
 VP, Pres. Engineered Solutions

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)	Price		
				Code	V Amount		
Common Stock	03/03/2009		S	D	\$ 2,926	D (1)	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		S	D	\$ 1,757	D (2)	
Common Stock					15,000	D (3)	
Common Stock					15,672	D	
					1,875	I	

Common Stock						By Savings Plan ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	2,615	I				By Compensation Deferral Plan ⁽⁵⁾

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
						(6)	(6)		
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 14					(6) 02/28/2010	Common Stock	10,000	
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 8.56					(6) 12/15/2010	Common Stock	2,500	
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 8.85					(6) 09/25/2011	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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PARMA, OH 44130

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Signatures

/s/Craig S. Shular, Attorney-in-Fact for Hermanus L.
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03/05/2009

__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) This transaction is to report the satisfaction of income tax withholding obligations. 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 in equal thirds in February of each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, if certain performance targets are met. One-third of such shares vested in February 2008. 2,926 of the 6,666 shares that vested in February 2009 were sold pursuant to a trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1 to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(2) This transaction is to report the satisfaction of income tax withholding obligations. 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 27, 2009, February 26, 2010, and February 28, 2011, but only if certain performance targets are met. 1,757 of the 4,000 shares that vested February 27, 2009 were sold pursuant to a trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1 to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(3) 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.

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

(5) 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.

(6) All such options have fully vested.

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