

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD

Form 4

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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)
05/19/2008

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
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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 | 05/19/2008 | | M | A | \$ 17,000 | 17,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2008 | | S | D | \$ 25 | 0 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2008 | | M | A | \$ 6.56 | 10,000 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/19/2008 | | S | D | \$ 25 | 0 | D ⁽¹⁾ |
| | | | | | | 17,836 | D ⁽²⁾ |

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|--------------|--|--------|------------------|--|
| Common Stock | | | | |
| Common Stock | | 17,585 | D ⁽³⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | 1,666 | I | By Savings Plan ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | 1,253 | I | By Compensation Deferral Plan ⁽⁵⁾ |
| Common Stock | | 12,000 | D ⁽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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 17.06 | 05/19/2008 | | M | 17,000 | ⁽⁷⁾ 09/29/2008 | Common Stock | 17,000 |
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 14 ⁽⁸⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ 02/28/2010 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 8.56 ⁽⁸⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ 12/15/2010 | Common Stock | 2,500 |
| Time options | \$ 8.85 ⁽⁸⁾ | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ 09/25/2011 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

(right to buy)

Time

| | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|------------|---|--------|-----|------------|--------------|--------|
| options (right to buy) | \$ 6.56 | 05/19/2008 | M | 10,000 | (7) | 12/31/2008 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
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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/Gary R. Whitaker, Attorney in Fact for Hermanus L. Pretorius

05/20/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) On December 14, 2007, this Officer entered into a written Rule 10b5-1 sales plan covering only stock options which will otherwise expire during 2008. These options were automatically exercised and the respective shares were sold automatically pursuant to the Rule 10b5-1 sales plan based on the stock price reaching a pre-set target price.

(2) On August 31, 2005, the Company granted 20,000 restricted shares under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan, one-third of which vested on August 31, 2006, one-third of which vested on August 31, 2007, and one-third of which will vest on August 31, 2008. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold, under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(3) 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. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold, under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(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) 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.

(7) All such options have fully vested.

(8) None of these options were exercised and none are subject to any 10b5-1 plans.

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