

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD
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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 *
 SHULAR CRAIG S

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chairman, CEO & President

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/02/2008

PARMA, OH 44130
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/02/2008 | | F | 16,222 D \$ 19.04 | 99,933 | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 19,310 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 38,423 | I | By Compensation Deferral Plan ⁽²⁾ |
| Common | | | | | 115,262 | D ⁽³⁾ | |

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| Stock | | | | |
| Common Stock | | 30,104 | I | By Savings Plan ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | 77,000 | D ⁽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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 14 | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | 02/28/2010 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 8.56 | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | 12/15/2010 | Common Stock | 100,000 |
| Time options (right to buy) | \$ 8.85 | | | | | ⁽⁶⁾ | 09/25/2011 | Common Stock | 87,000 |
| Stock options (right to buy) | \$ 9.05 | | | | | ⁽⁷⁾ | 04/02/2017 | Common Stock | 300,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHULAR CRAIG S C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD. 12900 SNOW ROAD PARMA, OH 44130 | X | | Chairman, CEO & President | |

Signatures

/s/Mark R. Widmar, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig S.

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09/04/2008

**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) This transaction is to report the satisfaction of income tax withholding obligations. On August 31, 2005, the Company granted 130,000 restricted shares under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan, of which one-third vested on each of August 31, 2006, August 31, 2007, and August 31, 2008. 16,222 of the 43,334 shares that vested on August 31, 2008 were withheld 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) 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.

(3) On October 23, 2006, the Company granted 130,000 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 units attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company Stock Fund option of the GrafTech International Holdings Inc. Savings Plan.

(5) On October 4, 2007, the Company granted 77,000 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.

(6) All such options have fully vested.

(7) On April 2, 2007, the Company approved, under the terms of the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, a grant of 300,000 options, which shall vest in equal thirds on April 2 of each of 2008, 2009 and 2010. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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