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FORM 4

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10% Owner

Other (specify

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Whitaker Gary R Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD [GTI]

(Check all applicable)

VP, General Counsel, Secretary

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 05/01/2006

C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 **SNOW ROAD**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

PARMA, OH 44130

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Securities Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D)

Common 05/01/2006 Stock

\$0 Α 30,000 30,000

 $D^{(1)}$

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title		8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	ber Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	Deriv
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									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Whitaker Gary R C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD. 12900 SNOW ROAD PARMA, OH 44130

VP, General Counsel, Secretary

Signatures

/s/Gary R. 05/03/2006 Whitaker

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) On May 1, 2006, the Company granted 30,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, of which one-third will vest on each of May 1, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

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